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PREFACE

ON 7th February 1887 a committee was appointed to examine the records with a view to preparing a short historical account of the society, and was further authorised to prepare a list of all past and present members, with information as to the date of their joining the society, the length of their connection with it, and any other particulars of interest. The committee appointed consisted of Messrs. John Clerk Brodie, C.B., LL.D., late deputy keeper, Charles B. Logan, fiscal, now deputy keeper, John T. Mowbray, LL.D., treasurer, John Cowan, present fiscal, James Stuart Fraser Tytler, LL.D., professor of conveyancing, John Cook, collector of the widows' fund, Thomas Graves Law, librarian, William Forbes Skene, D.C.L., LL.D., James Gordon, John Milligan, William Traquair Dickson, John P. Wood, Patrick W. Campbell, Charles Cook, J. W. Fraser Tytler, and Francis J. Grant. Mr. Campbell was appointed convener.

The work then undertaken has now been completed, and the thanks of the committee are due to Professor Fraser Tytler, Mr. W. Traquair Dickson, Mr. Charles Cook, and Mr. T. G. Law, for their labours in connection with the work, and to Mr. F. J. Grant, who has prepared the lists of office-bearers and members, and the index.

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HISTORICAL INTRODUCTION

THE SOCIETY OF WRITERS TO HER MAJESTY'S SIGNET

CHAPTER I.

HISTORY OF THE SOCIETY.

THE Society of Writers to Her Majesty's Signet is an ancient and honourable branch of the legal profession in Scotland. Long prior to the establishment of the court of session in 1532, the "wrytaris or clerkis to the signet" existed as a society, and they have formed part of the college of justice since its foundation.

The members of the society hold office under commission from the keeper of the signet, an officer of the crown, who is head of the society. The keeper usually acts by deputy; that is, by a deputy keeper and a body of commissioners appointed by the keeper from among the members of the society. To the deputy keeper and commissioners are intrusted the making of all acts and statutes for the good of the calling, the examination and admission of intrants, the trial and punishment of delinquent members, and the general administration of the affairs of the society.

The writers to the signet are at the present time ordinarily employed as conveyancers, as agents practising in the court of session, as commissioners and factors on landed estates, and as confidential family "men of business," or legal advisers. But in virtue of their original profession, from which they derive

their title, it is still their exclusive office to sign all writs passing the signet, except those requiring the signature of a clerk of the court of session or of the clerk of teinds. They have also exclusively the right of expediting and carrying through crown writs, and of subscribing all notes, writs, and other documents relating thereto.

As members of the college of justice, writers to the signet of a certain standing are eligible, along with members of the faculty of advocates, for the office of principal clerk of session, and, moreover, are by the treaty of union eligible for the bench.

A society long and intimately connected with the procedure of the crown and the courts of law, and not a little concerned with the development of wealth and of liberal education in the country, should possess a record of interest at least to its own members. It is the object of the following pages to trace the origin and progress of the profession which has given to the society its distinctive name, to describe the various duties and privileges which have accrued to the body in the course of time, and to tell the history of its funds and its library, and its connection with the university of Edinburgh and other public institutions.

Origin of society.
Use of seals.

The precise origin of the society known as the writers to her majesty's signet cannot be clearly ascertained, but was doubtless nearly coëval with the use of the royal seal or signet as the token of authority appended or affixed to documents issued in the name of the king. This custom was seemingly borrowed from the French, and the earliest traces of it in Scotland date from a period some years after the Norman conquest of England. As is well known, before the art of writing became common, seals were used by both the king and his subjects as the sign by which they authenticated the various documents which passed between them and those with whom they dealt either in the affairs of state or in those of private life. Not only writs passing

between sovereigns, but those used in commercial or private business were sealed; and even in ecclesiastical transactions, although the clergy were the chief scribes, seals were used in place of, or in addition to, written subscriptions.

For the purposes of state, from a comparatively early period of Scottish history four seals were used. These were :

Royal seals used
in Scotland.

First, The GREAT SEAL, which, so far as records inform us, appears to have been the earliest in use. It was used for authenticating royal grants of land in the form of charters and confirmations of dispositions by subjects. It was also adhibited to protections, summonses of treason, decrees of forfeiture by parliament and similar writs. From the time of king David I. it was under the care of the king's chancellor.

Second, The QUARTER SEAL, known also as "the testimony of the great seal," frequently appended to precepts from chancery for infefting crown vassals in their lands, also to commissions and similar writs, which were likewise issued under the great seal. It does not appear to have been used much before the reign of king James IV.

Third, The PRIVY SEAL, found in use in the reign of king David II., and probably of earlier date. It was attached to writs affecting persons, such as presentation to benefices, remissions for crime, gifts of escheat, etc. It also was under the care of a special officer, known as lord privy seal.

Fourth, The SIGNET, probably at first the king's own seal, worn on his finger, and adhibited by himself to his correspondence and other documents of a private nature. It came to be used in more public matters, and for documents authorising writs to be passed under the other seals. This seal was consigned to the care of a particular officer of state known as the secretary or lord secretary.

It is from the last-named seal that the society takes its distinctive appellation, and its earlier members were those who

Office of secretary :
his clerks called
writers to the signet.

acted as clerks in the office of the king's secretary. This officer was not, like his successors of later times, merely a secretary of state intrusted with political and executive business. He was the king's right hand at the pen, the issuer of the royal manuscript authority, whether for the ends of state policy, for transactions of law, or for private purposes. His clerks were engaged in conducting the public and private correspondence of the sovereign, and, as the signet was the badge of the secretary's office, his assistants came to be styled, and are styled in early records, "wryttaris to the king's singnet."

Their duties. But the work of the writers to the king's signet was not confined to dealing with the royal correspondence, however important that might be. It was their duty to prepare all warrants for charters or grants to be passed under either the great seal or the privy seal, such warrants being called from an early period "signatures," because they bore the signet of the king. In later times the clerks of the signet signed summonses and other writs pertaining to the supreme court of justice, which affected the person or estate of any of the king's lieges. All such documents ran in the form of *letters* from the king, and were addressed, in the case of signatures, to the chancellor or lord privy seal, and in the other cases, to officers of the law, or to faithful subjects. In this form all such writs were authenticated by the signet, and it became the exclusive privilege of the members of the society to prepare or sign them.

A. D. 1532. Before 1532 the signet alone was the mark of the king's authority, but after that date the writer was required to sign the writ, not to add weight to the royal signet, but to make him individually responsible to the king for the use of it. When application was made by a subject for the issue of a writ against a fellow-subject for the recovery of a debt, or for the redress of a wrong, a writer to the signet, acting as the king's deputy, made due inquiry as to the justice or reasonableness of the

demand. If he then deemed it proper, he issued the required letters in the king's name, and passed them under the signet, a privilege confined to the members of this society. The functions of a writer to the signet were therefore in early times entirely of an official nature, and so continued down to the beginning of last century.

It will be evident, however, from what has been said, that this society can claim a very ancient descent. The earliest recorded reference to the signet is in the year 1369, when Walter of Wardlaw, who is the first office-bearer recognised by the society, was the "king's clerk" or secretary. Nevertheless the signet must have been in use some time previous to that period. Thus in 1369 and in 1371 parliament enacted that no minister of state should execute any mandate directed to him under the great seal, the privy seal, or the private signet, if such mandate were in prejudice of any person, contrary to statute or common law.¹ On this, as on other points of Scottish history, the scantiness of early records denies us full information. But whatever the date at which a royal signet began to be used in Scotland, the fact that the secretary was known as the king's clerk, and that the writers to the signet were his assistants, indicates that the members of this society are the professional successors of those officials who, in the earlier period of Scottish history, were known as the king's clerks.

Early notices
of the signet.

The very first of these clerks on record, who has left his name on the writ with an appellation foreshadowing the professional title of this society, is Grento, who wrote the earliest charter known to exist connected with Scotland. This is the charter granted in 1098 by king Duncan II., son of king Malcolm Canmore, conferring certain lands in East Lothian upon the monks of St. Cuthbert.² The authenticity of this writ, which was long disputed, is now fully admitted; and in it, along with the royal seal and the crosses or

The king's
clerks.

¹ *Acts of the Parliaments of Scotland*, vol. i. pp. 535, 547.

² Original among Coldingham charters at Durham.

marks appended by the king and his nobles, is to be seen the mark "Grentonis scribtoris," of *Grento the writer*, who penned the charter, and who also wrote at their respective crosses the names of the granter and the witnesses.

The next notice of the king's clerks which can be clearly proved is in the time of king William the Lion, 1165-1214, who had several "clerks." It may be asserted that these were ecclesiastics, but it would appear that all were not so, as we read of Michael, one of king William's clerks, who held the estate of Wymet or Woolmet, near Dalkeith, and he possessed also the small estate of Gilbertston, now represented by the farm of Brunstane, near Joppa. Michael of Woolmet had several children, among whom his estates were divided.

King William's grandson, Alexander III., had at least three clerks, one of whom was Thomas "de Carnoto," a prominent member of the family of Charteris, if not one of its direct ancestors. He was afterwards made chancellor, and has been claimed as the first layman appointed to that office.¹

The troublous times of the next century deprive us of several links of the chain; but from the time of king David II. and of Walter of Wardlaw we meet with frequent references to the king's clerks. King James I. had several, but it does not appear that any of them were very distinguished.

Sir John Rede
alias Stobo.

In the time of king James III., however, we find among the clerks to the secretary, one who has left a pleasing character behind him, sir John Rede, popularly known as "Stobo," perhaps from the place of his birth, or because he was vicar of that parish, which was a prebend of Glasgow cathedral. He is also described as rector of Kirkchrist, probably the parish in Galloway so called. He held office in the reign of king James II., or prior to 1460, and in 1473 received from James III. a recognition

¹ Some uncertainty exists as to whether Thomas Charteris was a churchman or a layman, as the references to him are very indefinite.

of his services in a pension of £20 a year. He is described as serving the king and his father in writing letters to the pope, and to various kings, princes, and magnates beyond the kingdom; a statement which confirms the view taken of the work done by the earlier clerks to the signet. It is interesting also to note that this pension was to repay his outlays for parchment, paper, red wax and white, and other expenses incurred regarding the documents written by him.² At a later date we hear of his being sent by king James IV. on a mission to England along with Walter Chepman, afterwards named. He was known as a poet, and is mentioned by Walter Kennedy as a personal friend of William Dunbar, who, in the *Lament for the makars*, mourns that death

“hes tane last of aw,
Gud gentill Stobo, and Quintyne Schaw.”

A colleague of sir John Rede, more celebrated than he, was Walter Chepman, the founder of Scottish printing. He was a wealthy and influential merchant burgess of Edinburgh, but is also described as one of the clerks of the king's secretary, intrusted with the keeping of the signet. He is the first “writer to the king's signet,” formally so styled. Chepman was high in the favour of king James IV., and in conjunction with Andrew Myllar, a bookseller in Edinburgh, embarked on a joint printing enterprise in the year 1507, under a patent of monopoly from the king. Myllar furnished the practical experience while Chepman supplied the capital. Their printing office was in the Cowgate, in a property belonging to Chepman, at the foot of Blackfriars' wynd. His own house stood in the High Street, just at the top of the same wynd.

Walter Chepman,
W.S. and printer.

In 1505 Walter Chepman bought the lands of Ewerland in the parish of Cramond; and in 1509 he purchased, from James Wardlaw of Riccarton the estate of Priestfield, now Prestonfield, near

¹ *Exchequer Rolls*, vol. viii. p. 315.

Edinburgh. In 1514 and 1515 he was dean of guild of Edinburgh. He has left to our times a memorial of his piety and public spirit in the aisle which he built on the south side of St. Giles' church; in which also, in 1513, he endowed an altar dedicated to St. John the evangelist. In 1528, he likewise erected a chapel of the Holy Rood, at the foot of St. Giles' kirkyard, adjoining the Cowgate. This he endowed for masses to be said constantly for the repose of the souls of king James v., the founder (himself), his deceased wife Mariot Kirkettill, and his second wife Agnes Cockburne, but more especially for the souls of the late king James iv. and those who had fallen with him at Flodden. Chepman died about 1532, and was buried in his own aisle in St. Giles', where the late Dr. William Chambers erected a tablet to his memory. His eldest son by his second wife, David, who predeceased his father, was a merchant and bookbinder in Edinburgh. William Chepman, another of the family, was a writer to the signet.

John Chepman of "Schelis," a nephew of Walter, who succeeded to his uncle's estates in 1532, was also a member of the society. In 1537 he granted an annuity in supplement of his uncle's endowment of St. John's altar in St. Giles'. His wife's name was Isobel Henderson.

Sir John Bellenden.

Another early member of the society, who is also particularly described as a writer to the king's signet, was John Bannatyne or Bellenden, for the name is variously spelt. In 1528 he was secretary to Archibald, sixth earl of Angus, and after the death of king James v. was made justice clerk and director of chancery. Other names of writers about the same period, and up to the date when a formal list has been preserved, might be given. The most prominent however have been mentioned, and suffice to show that writers or clerks to the king's signet existed from a very early period of Scotland's official history.

It is in the time of Walter Chepman, or about the years from 1490

to 1494, that we first meet with the term "writares of the singnet" applied to the clerks of the secretary's office as a body. The notices appear in the accounts of the treasurer of Scotland. In one case king James IV. orders gratuities to be given to the "wrytaris of the signete" for "thare drink siluer" for writing letters.

Community of calling formed in the middle ages a great bond of union among those who pursued any employment requiring special knowledge or skill. By it the trading guilds were bound together for common action and self-government. On the followers of the law it exercised a like power. Besides an acquaintance with general business, the calling of the writers to the signet required a knowledge of the forms of law and conveyancing, a mastery of the art of penmanship, and familiarity with the Latin tongue—at that time at least a living language. It was almost a necessity of the life of those times that fellow-workers thus associated should be united in a society or brotherhood. There is no authentic evidence of such an incorporation, but, however they were organised, the writers to the signet formed a little community to whose pens were intrusted many of the chief business affairs of the country. It is also worthy of note that while the followers of art, science, law, medicine, and the teaching profession still wore the priest's gown, in the "booths" of the early writers to the king's signet there began that lay professional life which bulks so largely in our modern world.

It is stated, in some of the proceedings of the society, that its members in early times, in addition to their duties in the secretary's office, acted as clerks in the old courts of judicature known as the lords of council, the lords auditors, the session and the daily council, as well as to the privy council. There is not, however, sufficient information extant to give an exact description of the connection which existed between the writers to the signet and these ancient courts; but in 1532, when, with the exception of the privy council, they were all superseded by the court of session, the relation of the

The society and
court of session.

writers to the signet to the new judicature is more clearly defined. They henceforth formed a part of the legal establishment styled the college of justice, and the members of the society were called to the work of clerks in the new court. The lord clerk register, under the title of "clerk of the registrie, rollis, and of counsale," was made chief clerk of the session, and under him the writers to the signet became clerks of court.¹

The court met in the council hall in the old tolbooth of Edinburgh. There was but one acting clerk at each sitting. He was designed the clerk of council, a title in which may be traced a survival of the defunct court of the lords of council, or perhaps a recognition of the writer's office as clerk to the king's secret council, of which that court was a branch. The clerk of council was chosen by rotation from among the writers to the signet,² and, in respect of that arrangement, the lord clerk register retained the right of nominating the clerks of session until 1728, when the patronage was first reserved in a commission then issued to Alexander, earl of Marchmont. A single survival of the connection of the clerks of court with the clerk register's office remains at the present time in the clerks of session being required to act as the lord clerk register's deputies at elections of Scottish representative peers.

While one member only of the society thus acted at a time as clerk of court, all writers to the signet were entitled to be present in court during the hearing and decision of causes. The importance of this privilege will be understood when it is remembered that the court of session, in early times, like the parliament of Paris, upon which it was largely modelled, did not admit the public to its meetings.³

¹ It may be noted that in 1524, owing to the troubled state of politics in Scotland, the lord clerk register was, for a time, made the custodian of all the seals, including the signet, until proper officers were appointed.

² Mackenzie (1716), vol. i. p. 247; Bankton (1752), vol. ii. p. 494.

³ How strict the rule was on this subject

appears from an act of the lords of council, dated the 14th of February 1530, about two years before the new court was instituted, which orders that, "Fra tyme the chancelar and lords entir in the tolbutth, yat na manner of man remane yrin bot advocats and sic able men to leir practik as sall pleiss the chancelare."

"Yat the massers keips the counsale house

In the act of parliament by which the court of session was established, there is no reference to the clerks of court or of the signet, but in the first act of sederunt of the new judicature, passed on the 27th of May 1532, there are various provisions regulating the working of the members of the society. Among other things, it is enacted, "that all clerkis of the signet be sworne to exerse yair offices lauchfullie and diligentlie, and nane of yame sall reveil nor mak manifest to ony man quhat they writt or dois for ane uther, bot sall keip all closs and secrete. Item, yat na clerk of ye signet tak mair for ye writtin of an bill bot aucht pennies, and for the writtin of an lettre apoun ane decrete of the lordis and deliverance bot twentie pennies, nor for nane uther letter mair yan was usit in our soveran lordis tyme yat last decessit, quhome God assolze, under the pane of tinsale of his office. Item, yat nane fruster ane uther of his labours and proffit, yat everilk clerk of the signet yat writtis ony bills mark ye samin with his awin name in ye bill within."

Regulations for
writers to the
signet. 1532.

In the thirty-ninth act of the fourth parliament of king James v., which met at Edinburgh on the 7th day of June 1535, "it is ordanit" anent justice ayres, *i.e.* justiciary circuit courts, "yat in tymes cuming ye keepers of ye signet sall ansuer na lettres for calling of ony personis and parties to sic particular diettes bot gif ye samin be subscrivit with the clerk writer to the signet" (clerk of court) "and justice clerk and his deputes."

Lord Stair informs us that the writers to the signet "are every year publicly called and commanded to keep the accustomed

dure in yis manner, yat is to say, yat the dur stand oppin, and twa of yame, ane on ilk syde at the utor dur, nyer twa, ilk ane of yaim at ye inmost dur, and ane masser to be on the fiure within, to call and do as the chancelar commands him. And that na man entir but leif of the chancelar, fra tyme yat yai be commandit to hyde furth, under the pane of warding of thair persouns, and geif yai dissobey,

to be wardit, and yreftir punist at our plessour, for thair disobedience."

"Geif ony persoun forsaid, be tollerance of the chancelar and lordis, remains within the counsale house in tyme yat ony mater is put in disputatioun, yat yai be sworn not to revele ye oppunzeouns and arguments of ye lordis havand votis, and geif ye contrar be attendit upon yaim, yai never to haif entrens agane."

styles."¹ What this ceremony was it seems impossible to ascertain. Nor does it appear whether it was the court or the lord clerk register who gave this annual charge to the writers.

Multiplication
of the signet.

But though the writers or clerks to the signet were thus subject to the lord clerk register as regarded the business of the court of session, they still retained their relations to the Lord secretary, who was the original head of their body. An episode in the history of the signet in the year 1541 reveals the fact that this token of authority had been multiplied. In the beginning of that year a thief had misappropriated the royal signet, the seal used in the king's own business. To remedy this, king James v., in a letter passed under the privy seal, wrote to the secretary, stating the necessity of having three small signets for service in the session and justiciary courts, and for the king's "awne directionis," and desiring him to order a third signet to be made in place of the one that had been stolen, to be used in the king's work. He was directed also to "reform" or remodel the three other signets, great and small, by advice of the council. It is thus evident that the use of the signet was extended, and so also was the business of its officials. The institution of the college of justice, with all that had taken place affecting its proceedings and officials, was ratified by parliament in the year 1540, and since its foundation the writers to the signet have been members of the college. Among their privileges as such were exemption from payment of certain taxes, and the right of suing or being sued only in the supreme court. The former right led in later times to many disputes between the society and the city authorities of Edinburgh.

First minutes,
1594. Com-
mission by lord
secretary.

Nothing specially important is on record bearing on the history of the society for the next half century, but in 1594 we are enabled to chronicle its doings by the aid of its own minutes, which are preserved from that date. They begin with the narrative of a commission granted by sir Richard Cockburne of

¹ Stair's *Institutions*, iv. 3. 32.

Clerkingtoun, lord secretary, in favour of Mr. John Layng, his depute, and keeper of the signet, and eighteen other members of the society appointed as commissioners. The lord secretary directs them, or any nine of them conjunctly (the depute keeper of the signet being always one), to convene whenever they think it expedient, and to take order with "all abuses, falsities, and informalities in their vocation, committit or to be commit, by any ordinary member and brother thereof, master and servant," and they are to remedy all such. They are also "to conclude, determine, and sett down all actis, statutis, and ordinancis necessare, under the panes of deprivatione simpliciter of office, suspensioun, and pecuniall panes accordingly to the wechtness of the offence." The commissioners are likewise to make and enforce all needful regulations concerning the trial of the qualifications of such as shall be presented by the lord secretary for admission to the society, and to prescribe the manner of their admission. In the event of vacancies arising among the commissioners through death, or otherwise, their places were to be filled up by others "of the maist ancient and best qualified ordinare" writers to the signet. The commissioners also in that year specially "ratifies and appreives all and quhatsumevir acts maid of befor in ony tyme bigane preceeding the dais heirof be yair predicessouris and promittis, to hald hand to ye observing zairof according to gude conscience."

Such are the main provisions of the earliest commission extant in the records of the society, and it is of special interest because the tenor of it is suggestive of an established style from which it is evident that the constitution and governing body of the society were then fixed virtually as they exist at present. The king's secretary, or lord secretary, was their recognised chief, and his depute was the acting head of the society, while the commissioners appointed by the secretary discharged the same duties towards the body as now. It appears also from the minutes that such commissions were renewed from time to time, or were ratified by successive lord

Evidence as to
early constitution
of society.

secretaries, generally about the date of their respective appointments. Thus in 1596 lord Menmure confirms the preceding commission; in 1598 lord Balmerino ratifies the acts, and in 1610 sir Alexander Hay deals in the same way with the commission. In 1612 a new commission in like terms was granted by the famous sir Thomas Hamilton, afterwards first earl of Haddington; again, an imperfect one was issued by him in 1626, perhaps left incomplete because of his retirement about that date. Other such writs by various secretaries are noted from time to time, but those above mentioned are sufficient to indicate the practice. The style of each was like that of its predecessor.

Bye-laws, 1594.

The whole of the commissioners named by sir Richard Cockburn in 1594 did not accept office, but those who did so drew up a set of bye-laws for the government of the society, called in the name of their chief, "my lord secretares injunctiounes," but in part at least the result of their own deliberations. These bye-laws are deserving of careful study. It is specially noteworthy that they contain stipulations limiting the number of the society's members. Thus it is ordained that "no one shall be admitted to the signet nor to the use of the office thereof but by the decease of one of the brethren ordinary writers of the signet, and then to receive the son, servant, or apprentice of the person deceased." But this rule not appearing strict enough, the commissioners proceed to limit the future number of members to twenty-four. In doing so they show an earnest desire for the welfare of the society; they call to mind "the treuth and honestie of thair predecessouris, ordinary writtaris to the signet, quhilk proceidit upoun thair feu nummer, and now be the admissioun of ane multitude thair is drawin upoun the maist pairt of thaim povertie, and, be the said povertie [they] ar the reddier to be inducit to committ falsettis," for which reason the commissioners recommend a reduction of the number. The exceptions to this provision in favour of those who were not held to be ordinary members, show us the offices held at that time by the members of the society.

"Undir this act sall nawyis be comprehendit the ordiner clerkis befor the sessioun, secretare, depute keipare of the signet, clerkis to the justiciarie, and clerk depute of the secreit counsale."¹ In a letter from the lord secretary (sir Alexander Hay) to the deputy keeper, read at a general meeting on the 8th of November 1609, the same anxiety for the high standing of the society is manifested. His lordship says: "The multitude of wryttaris to the signet haffing bred amange thame selffis disordour, and thairwith occasioned disdaine and contempt of that place, whiche in former tymes wes in so muche credite, is a matter no les greivous unto me than to thame who feillis more sensiblye the smart of it. The too haistye desyre of many men to be maisteris hes maid sume of thame servanttes, and no doubt want of employment bringing with it povertie will produce sone such errours to fall in thair handis as may much disgrace the place." Accordingly it is to be the society's aim to limit its membership, and thereby to protect alike the interests of the public and the privileges of the favoured twenty-four members. As a means towards this end, the secretary recommends the deputy keeper and commissioners to use great strictness in dealing with delinquents, whom they are required to deprive or suspend. "Lett not preposterous pitie heirefter," says he, "move ather you or thame to spair or mitigate the punishment imposed, that so, quhome dewtie can not move, feare sall inforce to walk warlie in their calling."

Another act, of 13th February 1613, has also a bearing upon the status of the society, and is typical of others of the same character. It aims at limiting the writers to the signet to their own calling, and preventing their engaging in more general business, as, in earlier times, sir John Rede, Walter Chepman, and other members of the society had done. "My lord secretar and his commissioneris,

Regulations
as to general
business.

¹ On the 14th of November, in the following year also, the lord secretary promises that he will nowise admit any person to the signet until the whole number of the society be reduced to twenty-four.

understanding that sindrie of the craftis of the burgh of Edinburgh ar burdening sum of the wryteris to the signet to becum thair clerkis, and to keip thair assemblies and meetingis, contrare to equitie and ressoun, and to the reputatioun of the saidis wryteris, quhais calling hes evir bene repute mair honourabill nor thairwith to becum clerkis to sic inferior callings," therefore "it sall nawyis be lesum" to the members of the society to accept any such clerkship, but they are "to attend and serve our soverane lordis lieges in the said vocation of wryting to the signet, quhairby the samin be not disgracit with the saidis base and unworthie clerkshipis, under pane of deprivation."

Rules against
strife.

Another point of interest in the regulations of 1594 is the care taken to prevent any strife arising in the brotherhood, a characteristic feature of the old life of such societies. "The commissioneris, remembering the grite unitie and gude concord standing amangis the haill brethrene, ordinarie writteris to the signet, (praisit be God,) and willing the samyn to increas and continew, thairfoir statutes and ordanis that gif ony of the brethrene being pursewit or accusit of ane uthir brother for contravenying of the actis sal happin to minass or injure utheris," by word or deed, he shall, for the first fault, be suspended "ay and quhill he have satisfeit the partie offendit, and forder induring the saidis commissioneris willis"; and for the second fault he shall be deprived of his office "in all tyme cuming, but ony favour or restitutioun to be grantit to him thairfor." In 1656, likewise, a similar penalty of suspension was imposed on any brother threatening or injuring another, in addition to payment of a fine of £20 to the "box," or common fund of the society, and for every subsequent fault a second suspension with the fine doubled *toties quoties*. Offended parties also are required to carry their grievances to the commissioners for redress under a penalty of £10 to the "box."

It is pleasing in this connection to note that although the writers to the signet grew, in the seventeenth century, to be a body of considerable size, the old feeling of brotherhood continued to be

loyally cherished, and any slight offered to a member was regarded as an offence against the society. Hence such acts as that passed in 1647, "that everie wryter being warnit to anotheris buriall, his wyff or chyldrene, and refuisand or being absent, sall pay 12s." There was also a due sense maintained of the dignity and interests of the calling. Thus, in 1610, the commissioners ordered that "no ordinary writer in time of session be found drinking in taverns." Again, in 1658, Patrick Wilson is suspended on confessing to "the exercesing of ane uther office and imployment at Kirkaldie, by being ane waiter." His chief offence, however, at that time of English domination was, perhaps, that he had received for his unprofessional labours a "sallarie" from "the Englishes." In the same year, John Alexander was suspended because of conduct injurious to the calling, in that he had carried on business "at ane feckless and unworthie pryce, below the ordinar rait of wryting."

In the early minutes, with the same laudable end of keeping Intrants. the society select, are many entries relating to the examination of intrants, and the testing of their knowledge and fitness for the calling. In 1594, it is provided that new members shall be admitted only "in public conventioun eftir examinatioun and tryall." That this was carefully seen to would appear from the cautious finding given in on the 3d of November 1606, when the examiners report that Thomas Crombey "wes, in sum reasonabil maner, qualifeit to the office." In 1609, it is further appointed that intrants must receive the support of two-thirds of the commissioners in order to render their election valid.

For a similar reason, and also for the public safety, the society Fraud. took many precautions to prevent fraud. Among other proposed remedies the brethren, in 1647, ordained "ane buik to be maid quharin every wryter to the signet sall gif up the names of thair hail prenteissis and servandis, that thair names may be inrollit in that buik, and ane lytill paterne of thair hand writt insert thairin, to be conferrit with thair letteris sent to the signet."

The signet
during the
civil wars.

These and several other entries in the minutes give us some idea from its own earliest extant records, of the internal economy of the society. Those points of its history, however, which were affected by outside events are not unworthy of notice, and may be briefly touched upon until we reach the present century. It is observable that the minutes show scarcely any traces of the troubled times which came upon the country in the reign of king Charles I., or of the excitement which attended the ecclesiastical and political disputes between that monarch and his Scottish subjects. But while the society records nothing of the matter, it may not be irrelevant to notice certain adventures which befell the badge of office from which it took its name, and which must have affected at least temporarily the society itself. In 1640, we learn that the proper signet had been carried off to England, and some inconvenience was felt for the want of it. To meet the difficulty an act of sederunt was passed by the court of session, and ratified by parliament, declaring that all summonses, letters, charges, suspensions, signatures, or other writs which usually passed under the signet, were to be presented to Mr. George Halden, W.S., who should, at the place where the wax was placed, sign a warrant for the writ passing the necessary seals, though not signeted. For this the usual fee for the signet was to be paid and to be made forthcoming to the secretary, or, in his absence, to his keeper of the signet. The act further prohibited, under penalties, the keeper of the signet from taking that or any seal furth of Scotland.¹

At a later date, in 1644, we find that the signet was affected by the proceedings of the extreme covenanting party, who were then gaining power. Because William Hamilton, earl of Lanark, then secretary, had not signed the covenant, he was accounted "an enemy to religion," and the "benefite of the signet" was arrested or closed in the hands of Mr. Harry Maule, his depute, the result being that no writs could pass for the time.² The earl, however, soon

¹ *Acts of Parliament*, vol. v. p. 269.

² *Ibid.* vol. vi. part i. p. 89.

afterwards took the required oath, and the arrestment was removed. About the same time the secretary addressed a petition to parliament, which narrates another adventure of the signet. He stated first that sir James Galloway (master of requests in England) had usurped his place as secretary; alleging some difference between a secretary and a secretary of state, and had obtained letters from the king requiring the Scottish council to acknowledge sir James as secretary, which the council found to be a great wrong and prejudicial to the kingdom as interfering with the elections of officers of state. Lord Lanark declared that he was sole secretary of state for Scotland, appointed by the king (Charles I.), who had handed him the signet in open parliament. He stated further that while he was in close prison at Oxford, the signet had been taken from him by the English secretaries and given to sir Robert Spottiswood, whose loyalty to the covenant was much suspected. The earl desired to have it affirmed that he was the secretary, which petition the parliament duly granted.¹ The narrative of the presentation of the signet to its official custodier is of considerable interest, as, although this seems to be the only case recorded, the king probably followed a long-established precedent.

Signet in open
parliament.

The earl of Lanark remained secretary until his loyalty to king Charles and the defeat of the army of the "Engagement" drove him from office and then from the kingdom. His place was taken, in March 1649, by William, earl of Lothian. Previous to his appointment, and after the death of king Charles I., the signet, with other seals, had been placed in the chancellor's custody, and parliament ordered the signet of the late king to be used in his successor's reign. Afterwards, in open parliament, it was handed to the marquis of Argyll on behalf of the new secretary, who, however, did not hold it long. The success of the English invasions in 1650 and 1651 led to a complete overturn of the government of Scotland, and the office of lord secretary and keeper of the signet

The civil war.

¹ *Acts of Parliament*, vol. vi. part I. p. 182.

fell into abeyance. The country had no longer a separate and independent administration, and there was no place for many of the old officials. In 1652 the court of session was set aside, and in its stead came the commissioners for the administration of justice in Scotland, a body appointed by the English executive, and holding office during pleasure. Several Scottish lawyers of eminence, one or two of whom had been lords of session, were placed upon the commission, but its number was made up by the appointment of Englishmen, whose chief qualification seems to have been a firm adherence to the new government. The court, which had no president, was modelled upon a different system from that which it had superseded. The college of justice became for the time a tradition rather than a reality, and the society could no longer be designed as the writers to his majesty's signet. The constitution of the court of the commissioners was foreign, arbitrary, and subversive of the ancient traditions and liberties of the land, yet it has left behind it a good reputation for industry, and for the fairness of its decisions, due probably to the upright character of some of its leading members.

Commissioners
of justice and
the society.

The commissioners of justice issued a commission in 1654 appointing as deputy keeper of the signet an Englishman named Samuel Mosley, who seems to have been a kinsman of Edward Mosley, one of their own number. Evidently the office had lain for some time vacant, or at least dormant, as appears from an entry requiring writers who have been admitted since 1652 to pay Mr. Mosley the casualty belonging to his place, which "his predecessors, keepers of the signet, were in use to receive of befor." In 1655 the salary of the keeper was reduced from £140 to £100. A new commission, recorded in 1657, proceeds from sir William Lockhart, younger of Lee, one of his highness' council in Scotland.¹ By it, sir William's brother, Mr. John Lockhart, afterwards lord Castlehill, was appointed keeper, and a letter

¹ Sir William Lockhart was a well-known Protector, whose niece, Robina Shouster, he friend and political adviser of the Lord married.

of acceptance from him is recorded along with the commission. In 1658 a new name appears, that of Mr. James Crawford. He is always called deputy keeper, although there does not seem to have been any principal keeper between lord Lothian and the duke of Lauderdale, who was appointed in 1660.¹

There is no mention in the minutes of sir Peter Wedderburn, afterwards lord Gosford, whose commission as deputy keeper was dated 28th August 1660. On the 17th of November following, a commission was produced, granted by John, earl of Lauderdale, principal secretary of state for Scotland, appointing "Mr. William Scharpe keeper depute of his majesty's signet."² The first proceeding of the new deputy keeper was to cause the society's officer to be admitted of new to his post, evidently on the ground that all proceedings which had been taken during the former administration were invalid. The officer, having been sworn, was forthwith ordered "to warn James Allan, late treasurer, Mr. George Cruickshank, late clerk, and William Ros, late procurator fiscal to the commissioners, writers to the signet in the time of the late usurpers, to appear before the commissioners on Monday the 19th inst., and the said clerk to produce the book of register in his custody." At a meeting, held two days later, the clerk, treasurer, and procurator fiscal compeared as commanded. Mr. George Cruickshank was then discharged from office, and declared to be no longer clerk; the fiscal was dealt with in the same way; and James Allan received a new appointment as treasurer "and keeper of the public box." Thus all the office-bearers were summarily deprived of their old appointments. The officer was next ordered "to warn all writers to the signet, and all others pretending to be so during the late usurpation, to be at

The society
after the
restoration.

¹ Incidental notices of the signet during this period inform us that in 1655 a signet for Scotland was engraved by an English artist, Thomas Symons, and sent north in 1656 with the other seals.

² Mr. William Sharp was brother of Mr. James Sharp, minister of Crail, who a month after this date was appointed archbishop of St. Andrews.

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the meeting of the commissioners to-morrow, at ten o'clock, in the parliament hall." On the following day, the 20th of November, the commissioners met again, and with them a great number of other writers, "and also of those pretending they had liberty to be writers to the signet during the usurpation." Mr. Sharp then required them all to exhibit to him their warrants of admission, upon either of the two following days, discharging all those not lawfully admitted by the lords' secretaries for the time," or by such "as had power from his majesty, or his royal progenitors, from exercising the office of writer to the signet, at their peril." Those writers who had been admitted between 1608 and 1650 produced their commissions on the 21st and 22d of November, which were then minuted and returned. There appear, however, to have been about twenty-five members of the society, admitted after 1650, whose commissions were now declared void by reason of failure to have them formally renewed. In the course of the following year, eighteen of these members were admitted of new, the minutes stating that they had been formerly apprentices to such and such a member of the society. Upon paying their fees a second time they received new commissions. Regarding the other writers who were deprived by these proceedings, the minutes give us no information.¹

The society
taxed in 1663.

On the 12th of January 1663 a special meeting of the college of justice, that is to say, of the advocates, clerks of the session, and writers to his majesty's signet, was held in the inner parliament house, to authorise payment of a tax by the members of the college who held land in Edinburgh. The "English usurpers" on a former occasion had fixed the tax at "one in the hundred," on the valued rents, and this proportion was now to be paid—partly for behoof of the lords of session and partly for the benefit of the king's revenue. At this meeting also, the keeper of the parliament house was required

¹ It may be noted that, for some reason, the signet had been closed at this time. In 1661, it was opened by parliament for inbringing the king's rents.

to show his warrant, which, if it was from the magistrates only, was to be null. He had been appointed by the provost and council of Edinburgh during "the late cessation of administration of justice," whereas the real power of appointment lay only with the lords of session. Incidentally we learn that a deputation was appointed to wait upon the dean of guild and town council of Edinburgh to desire that "the backseats in the loft of the lords of session, in the new kirk of St. Giles," might, as of old, be reserved for the advocates and writers only.

Two subsequent meetings of the college of justice were held on the 11th and 16th of September 1663, convened by the dean of faculty, to obtain the consent of the society, along with that of the faculty of advocates, to the sale of the citadel of Leith, by the earl of Lauderdale, on behalf of the crown, to the magistrates of Edinburgh. The purpose of the proposed sale is said to be for obviating of the detriment which would arise to the burgh of Edinburgh through the inhabitants "by the said citadel," trafficking and holding markets there.

Sale of Leith
citadel.

In a letter presented to the commissioners, on 29th October 1663, lord Lauderdale undertook to limit the number of writers to the signet to three-score. The commissioners thanked his lordship for the letter, but it does not appear that anything more came of it.

The privy council's action against the holding of conventicles caused some trouble to the society. At a meeting on the 21st of December 1676, a list is ordered to be drawn up of all such as "keep chambers in the burgh of Edinburgh, either as notaries or unfreemen," who have not yet taken the test, in terms of the act. On the 14th of February 1678, the deputy keeper, sir William Scharpe,¹ summoned the writers to the signet to a special meeting,² and informed them that he had received special instructions from the lords of session to bring them together, and to direct their

The society and
the test.

¹ He had been knighted in 1669.

² Brethren absent from that meeting with-

out a formal excuse were fined a rex dollar each.

attention to the act of regulation passed by the lords of the privy council on the 11th of the same month. That act prescribed a bond to be signed by all members of the college of justice, lords of session, advocates, clerks, and writers to the signet, as well as by "heritors, liferenters, and masters for their tennents and others." This bond having been read over and considered, the society, "in regard to the great importance thereof," deferred further action until another meeting appointed to be held four days later in the "inner house of the parliament or new session house of Edinburgh." To that meeting the brethren "wer all dewlie wairned be the officer, with certification to such as wer absent, and not excused, that each of them should be unlawed."

When the society met again, on the 18th of February, sir William once more produced the act and "the bond of regularities," and, after "serious consideration," the bond was subscribed by "the commissioners and remanent bretheren." The bond is in the following terms:—"We under subscriyvers, deput keiper of, and writters to his majistie's signet, doe faithfullie bind and oblige ws that we, our wives, bairnes, and servants respectivelie shall no wayes be present at any conventicles and disorderlie meittings in tyme comeing, bot shall live orderlie in obedience to ye law, under ye penalties contained in the acts of parliament made yranent. As also, we bind and oblige ws that our whole tennents and cottars respectively, yr wives, bairnes, and servants shall lykewayes refraine and abstaine from the saids conventicles, and other illegall meittings not owtherized by the law, and that they sall live orderlie in obedience to the law, and further that we nor they sall not resett, supplie or commoun with forfeitted persones, intercommouned ministers, or vagrant preachers, bot sall doe our outmost endeavors to apprehend yr persones. And in caice our said tennents, cottars, and yr forsaides sall contravein, we shall tak and apprehend any persone or persones guilty yrof and present ym to the judge ordinar that they may be fined or imprisoned therefor as is provydit in the acts of parliament made yranent.

Otherwayes we shall remove ym and their families from off our grund. And if we sall faillie yeirin, we shall be lyable to such penalties as the said delinquents have incurred by the law," etc.

The murder of archbishop Sharp in 1679 was followed immediately by the rising in the west country, which began with defiance of the ruling powers at Rutherglen, and the defeat of Claverhouse at Drumclog. These events threw all adherents of the government into serious alarm, and the college of justice was laid under warlike requisition. The writers to the signet along with the advocates "and certain clerks of session, met accordingly on 13th June 1679," in the parliament house, where they "elected, nominat, and choysed" the officers of the "colledge of justice there companie of foote, to be putt out be them for his majesty's service" against the insurgent covenanters. The officers chosen were sir Andrew Birnie, advocate, dean of faculty, captain; sir William Sharp of Stonyhill, knight, keeper of his majesty's signet, lieutenant; and Mr. James Grahame, advocate, ensign. On the 20th of June following, Hugh Wallace, W.S., was elected "ayd lievetennent" to the company.

The college of
justice "companie
of foot."

On 15th June the rising was brought to an end by the battle of Bothwell brig, and, in the following February, we find the commissioners of the signet somewhat troubled about the expenses in which the raising of the company had involved the society. They consider several articles charged for "to be very high," and they desire information from the dean of faculty as to where the colours and liveries "ar secured, to be made furthcoming when use sall be of them upon any future occasion." We learn from a later minute that the society's share of the expenses of the fitting out of the college of justice company of foot was two hundred merks, being one-third of the whole cost. It would be interesting to know what became of the arms, colours and uniforms here referred to.

Taxing the bills.

In the early part of the year 1688, it was proposed by the

Apprentices and
anti-popery riots.

government of king James the seventh, that the writers to the signet should be held bound "for their apprentices and servants, that they shall live peaceably and obediently to the laws." The occasion of this action on the part of the authorities was the occurrence of a serious riot at Holyrood, excited by the fitting up of the royal chapel there as a Roman catholic place of worship. This seems to have been the first of a series of outbreaks preceding the revolution. The society, on 11th February 1688, appointed a deputation to consult with the lord president and dean of faculty on this subject, and to represent that the members were in a different position from other employers, in respect that their apprentices were, in many cases, but little under their control, and further, that it could not be alleged that any of the writers' apprentices or servants had been engaged in the late tumult.

The revolution.

The fact of the revolution in 1688-9 is passed over in silence by the minutes, although the change of government had the effect for a time of closing the signet. It was opened by royal proclamation on 10th July 1689, but only fourteen days later it was again closed by parliament in consequence of a dispute between that court and the king as to the right to nominate the lords of session. The signet was reopened on 15th October 1689, while letters of horning bearing date between the arrival of king William in Britain and the period of reopening were declared to be null.¹ But despite this silence as to the change of monarch, we find the society some years later, on 18th April 1696, entering into a bond of association for support and defence of his majesty king William's "most sacred person and government," and of the protestant religion, "against the late king James and the pretended prince of Wales and all their agents." We do not wonder, after this, to find a like zeal shown by the society regarding members of its own body, and when, on the

¹ There is a slight reference to passing events in a minute of 7th December 1692, where it is stated "that this long tyme bygane by occa-

sione of the revolutione and confusions in the countrie, there has not been a full meetting of the wrytters."

5th of April 1697, the commissioners were told that John Alexander, "late wryter to the signet, one of ther pensioners," had "turned papist," the payments to him were stopped "untill he declair under his hand that he is not papist, and renounces the principles thereof." The poor man, however, seems to have been unjustly accused, as, on the 24th of November following, a committee appointed for this matter was able to report that John Alexander had "renounced and disowned all popery, and principles thereof, and that he never maintained the same, and that it was a calumnie against him." His pension was accordingly at once restored.

An alleged
papist in the
society.

In the same year George Dallas of St. Martin's, W.S., presented to the society for the use of its members, his "Book of Styles," which seems to have been the first book owned by the writers to the signet as a body.¹

Dallas'
"Styles."

Incidentally it may be noted that in 1697, John Cheisley, a son, or possibly a nephew, of John Cheisley of Dalry, the notorious assassin of lord president sir George Lockhart of Lee, was admitted a writer to the signet. He seems to have been possessed by something of the extraordinary disposition and obstinate temper which characterised the ill-fated laird of Dalry, and his well-known daughter, Rachel, lady Grange. John Cheisley was but ten years a member of the society, yet his name occurs seventeen times in the minutes—a prominence due to his frequent irregularities and malversations, which, in the end, led to his being deprived of his commission.

John Cheisley.

On 1st December 1701, the society approved of an address for presentation to king William, "upon this junctier," by which term they evidently mean the recent death of king James VII. The address was signed by "the wholl body of the wreitters present."

Death of king
James VII.

By the treaty of union in 1707 it is enacted that vacancies

The union.

¹ In 1706, also, the society showed its interest in legal literature by appointing a committee of the writers to consider and revise "a parcell of styles," which the author, Mr. John Spotswood, advocate, submitted for the purpose, prior to publication.

among the lords ordinary in the court of session, in the filling up of which there had previously been no restriction, should henceforward be filled by the appointment of advocates or writers to the signet only.

Episcopal
clergy.

In 1711 and 1712 events outside the society are noticed by occasional collections among its members for the relief of those ministers who, refusing to conform to presbytery, had been reduced to great straits. On the 27th of November 1712, a general meeting "haveing considered a petition given in by the episcopal clergie, doe appoint master James Baillie, present thesaurer, to pay to their collectors a sum not exceeding ten pounds sterling of charitie, and that with his first conveniency." This is from "the box"; but, at the same time, it is "resolved that a voluntar contribution be collected from all the members of the societie." In supplement of the above donation, directions are given also that a report be presented to the first general meeting setting forth "how the said money is applyed." Other voluntary contributions for this purpose were frequently made from this time onwards till 1751. In 1745 the collection amounted to £20, 2s. 6d.

Precautions
against
jacobites.

We find evidence of the disturbance of the political atmosphere in 1715, in the minute of the 9th of November in that year, which relates that the members of the society were "advertised that they should take care what persons they take into their chambers as prentices or servants, and that they should entertain none but those who should be well affected to the government, and make no disturbance in the place." On the 17th of the same month, Charles Chalmers of Portlethin, a member of the society, but not in legal practice, was killed at Sheriffmuir, fighting for the chevalier.

The rising of 1745 was joined by John Hay of Restalrig, W.S., who had held office as fiscal, treasurer, and substitute keeper of the signet. He was appointed treasurer to prince Charles, and ultimately fled with him to France. In 1746 he was attainted on a charge of treason. Mr. Colquhoun Grant, W.S., also joined the

army of the chevalier. At the battle of Prestonpans he particularly distinguished himself.¹

On the 18th of June 1746, on a request from the lords of session, the society agreed to join the other divisions of the college of justice in waiting "in their formalities, attended by their clerks," upon the duke of Cumberland, on his return from the north after Culloden. The duke of Cumberland.

In 1759 the society, in view of a threatened French invasion, unanimously voted a hundred guineas "as an encouragement to persons to enlist themselves in his majesty's service, for the defence of their country." In 1778 a sum of five hundred guineas was voted towards raising in Edinburgh a regiment for service in the American war. French invasion.
War with America, 1779.

In 1779 an address was presented to king George III. by the college of justice and the court of exchequer "upon the present situation of public affairs," which appears to refer to the war then going on against America and France. It is signed for the college of justice by the heads of the several bodies, judges, advocates, and writers to the signet. In 1792, the society, having evidently in view the contest in which the country was involved with the French revolutionary government, resolved unanimously "that the members, feeling themselves free and happy under the present excellent and unrivalled constitution, held it their duty and their interest to support and defend it, and that at the hazard of their lives and fortunes." On the 12th of February 1798, two hundred guineas were subscribed towards the support of the state "at the present crisis of affairs," and it was further resolved that, if government should require additional aid, the society would, from time to time, come "cheerfully forward and give every assistance in their power." On the 10th of July following, the members assessed

¹ The prince, at the first levee held by him at Holyrood-house, publicly thanked Mr. Grant, and presented him with a small profile cast of himself as a mark of personal esteem. See Kay's *Portraits*, vol. i. pp. 418, 419.

themselves for a year at the rate of two per cent. on their valued rent for the relief of the wives and families of soldiers engaged in the French war. In 1814 there is a minute of an address presented to the prince regent, signifying the satisfaction of the society at the happy state of public affairs, and the prospect of peace, arising from the close of the war and the surrender of Paris. The war broke out anew in the following year, but the long peace which followed the campaign of 1815 not unfitly represents the state of the society during the same period. Its external history thenceforth is mainly the history of the library, the new buildings for which were completed in 1815.

In 1822 the society's attention was turned towards the opening up of swifter communication between Edinburgh and London. A committee appointed for this purpose, having considered several proposed alterations of the road, reported in favour of one by which the mail should "run from Catterick Bridge by Hexham, crossing the waterfall, and thence to Edinburgh by Jedburgh." This route, they found, would save thirty-three miles, and, allowing for five stoppages, could be travelled in forty-two hours, so that letters might be delivered in the one city on the second day after their despatch from the other.

The minutes contain various notices of the society's share in the reception of king George IV., on his visit to Edinburgh in that year. In 1842 also there are similar entries referring to the first visit of queen Victoria and the prince consort to Scotland.

In 1838 the society petitioned parliament in favour of Mr. Rowland Hill's scheme of postal reform.

In 1859 some traces of the old military spirit of the society appear in a minute which provides for the embodying of a writers to the signet company of the city of Edinburgh rifle volunteer corps.

In August 1871 the writers to the signet joined with other public bodies in celebrating the hundredth anniversary of the birth

of Sir Walter Scott, who was the son of a writer to the signet, and himself an apprentice.

No better conclusion of its history can be found than one of the last entries in the minutes for the year 1887, which refers to an address to queen Victoria congratulating her majesty on the completion of the jubilee of her glorious reign.¹ Her majesty's jubilee.

The society has passed through many varied experiences, and some of these have wrought their changes upon the working life of its members. Nevertheless, the outstanding mark of their calling remains as of old, that they write to her majesty's signet; and the loyalty of the writers to the queen under whom they now serve is quickened by the memory of the society's time-honoured connection with the long line of the Scottish monarchs.

In addition to the general history of the society, a few particulars of what may be called its more personal history, may now be noticed. These are more easily treated separately from the main narrative. Among such particulars, a brief reference to the deputy keepership claims the first place.

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY KEEPER.

The ancient dignity of lord secretary or secretary for Scotland was abolished in 1746, and the keepership of the signet thus became vacant. Thenceforth till 1817 the keeper of the signet was appointed as a separate officer. In 1817 the office was united to that of lord clerk register, and it is still held by that official. The restoration in 1885 of the Scottish secretaryship of state revived

¹ In honour of the same occasion the society also erected in the upper hall of the signet library, a stained glass window, bearing along with the royal arms and the arms of the society, the arms of James Andrew, marquis of Dalhousie, sir William Gibson Craig of Riccarton, bart., and George Frederick, earl of Glasgow,

keepers of the signet during the past fifty years of her majesty's reign; and of Colin Mackenzie of Portmore, Richard Mackenzie of Dolphinton, James Hope, John Clerk Brodie of Idvies, and Charles Bowman Logan, deputy keepers during the same period.

only a part of the powers of the lord secretary, and did not revive his former position as keeper of the signet.

Functions of the
deputy keeper.

In the keeper's absence the deputy keeper of the signet is head of the society, and as such is entitled to preside at all business meetings. The powers conferred by the commissions granted in favour of successive deputy keepers have varied a good deal. In 1594 Mr. John Layng had been designed by sir Richard Cockburn his "depute and keeper of the signet," a style which recurs in later appointments. In the minutes of the society, Mr. Layng's style is "secreter deput" or "secretare depute and keiper of the signet." Not only so, but special powers seem to have been given to Mr. Layng in the year 1597, when king James the sixth, with consent of his council and exchequer, and also of his secretary "then for the tyme be virtue of his dimissoun," granted to Mr. John Layng, keeper of his majesty's signet, for his lifetime, "all and hail that pairt of the office of the secretarie sa far as may be extendit to the keiping and custodie of his maiesteis signetis great and small, (exceptand the court signet ordinarlie vesit to all suche thingis whilk pas the counsaill tabill) together with all and sindrie feis," and all other privileges. This grant was duly confirmed by parliament in the year 1609,¹ but the special nature of Mr. Layng's appointment is implied by a clause enacting that in future the keeping of the signets should be at the disposal of his majesty's secretaries, the present gift being no prejudice of their right.

The quorum of commissioners in 1594 is fixed by sir Richard at nine, including always the deputy keeper. The quorum, however, was afterwards reduced to four; the keeper of the signet being convener, and *sine quo non*. In 1642, however, the then secretary, William, earl of Lanark, named a commissioner who, in the deputy keeper's absence, should take his place as a necessary member

Date of grant, 17th March 1596-7.—*Acts of the Parliaments of Scotland*, vol. iv. p. 448.
The reference to the secretary's "dimission"

may be connected with the appointment of the "Octavians."

of the quorum. The commissioners then appointed were ten in number, including "Mr. Harie Maule, present keeper of the signet, or any four of them, conjunctly with the said Mr. Harie, and in case of his absence" Mr. George Haldin, W.S. The commission issued in 1660, in favour of sir William Sharp and eight commissioners, specifies as a quorum any four of them, the keeper of the signet being always one, and *sine quo non*. Later commissions are in similar terms, and a memorial transmitted by the society to the home secretaries, in 1731, states that the keeper "has the power of calling and adjourning meetings of the society," and "that he is a necessary constituent member in such meetings, and presides there *ex officio*." The quorum was afterwards reduced to three. The more recent practice does not require the presence of the keeper or the deputy keeper at every meeting, and when questions regarding the deputy keeper's office were brought before the court of session, in 1828, it was not disputed that meetings of the society might be held in the absence of these officers.

In the great majority of instances the deputy keeper has been chosen from the members of the society; generally from among its most distinguished members. Two exceptions to this practice are Mr. James Law, appointed joint deputy keeper on the 26th of December 1627, and admitted a writer to the signet two years later; and Mr. James Hope, appointed joint deputy keeper on the 12th of January 1828, and admitted a writer to the signet on the 4th of July following. More notable examples of departure from the rule of selection from within the society were the appointments of Samuel Mosley in 1654, lord Castlehill in 1657, and sir William Sharp in 1660. All these nominations, however, bear evidence of having been made for political reasons. Mosley was an Englishman, and a partisan of the dominant alien government. Whatever his personal merits may have been, he had no natural claim upon the favour of the writers to the signet. His appointment was, moreover, obnoxious as proceeding from the new court of the

Elections of
deputy keeper.

Objections to
Mosley's ap-
pointment.

commissioners for the administration of justice in Scotland, which had usurped, in part, the privileges of the lord secretary's office, and to which new authority the society owed no allegiance. It is not, therefore, surprising to find that the members were unwilling to submit to the depute thus thrust upon them. No sooner was his commission recorded than the commissioners, on the 13th of March, proceeded to ignore his title so far as to place one of their number in the chair. They "all with one consent, electit and choysed John Sempell preses for the affaris of their present meeting, and to continue to the first day of Junii nixt to cum." The minutes bearing on the subject are simple and formal, but they contain traces of a struggle about which further information would be welcome. It says not a little for the spirit of the commissioners that the unequal strife ended in a compromise. It was impossible to hold out against the ruling powers, but, on the 12th of January 1655, the commissioners managed to save their position while yet yielding the chair to the nominee of the government. They "elected and nominated Samuell Mosely, keeper of the signet, preses for the affairs of the present meeting, and to continue whill the first day of August next to cum, and thaireftir whill he be discharged." The peculiarity of the circumstances may be held to justify these extraordinary proceedings. Doubts, however, seem to have arisen regarding the keeper's right to preside at meetings of the society, and in 1828, as has been already mentioned, this matter was brought before the court of session. The case was not carried to a decision; and, with the exception above stated, the keeper, or his deputy, has always been in use to preside at meetings of the society, and when either of these officers is present and willing to act, he is of necessity president of the meeting.

FORMER MEETING-PLACES OF THE SOCIETY.

The king's
secretary had
no official
residence.

Ministers of state had, in former times, no official place of business, nor was there anything corresponding to what we now call a

public office, unless indeed the tolbooth of Edinburgh, which gave accommodation to a good many different public departments, could be so called. The lord secretary, like other public servants, carried on the work of his administration in his own dwelling-house, and there the royal signet was kept. When Edinburgh became the permanent capital of the country, and, as such, the place of the king's state residence, the public convenience required that there the lord secretary and other ministers of state should reside for the purposes of national business. Their work, however, continued to be done in their own houses. In like manner, the writers to the signet carried on the business of the lord secretary's department, and other official work, in their private houses in Edinburgh, or in their own chambers or "writing booths." For this reason, and as the society had as yet no local habitation, the places of meeting named in the earlier minutes vary considerably. Frequently we have no information on this head, and must content ourselves with knowing that the sederunt was held "at Edinburgh." Of the meeting-places mentioned we find that, on 15th November 1596, the writers met in the new kirk; on 28th July 1599 and 17th January 1606, in the "laiche tolbuith"; on 15th March 1606, 7th December 1612, and 29th June 1618, in the "heiche tolbuith"; on 4th April 1607, in Holyrood-house; on 22d November 1609, in the deputy keeper's house; and on 8th August 1618, in "the wryting chalmer of Adame Lawtie, ane of the commissioneris." On the 11th of December 1627, a general meeting is held at the "tolbuith of Edinburgh," and it is then resolved that "all the wrytters to the signet sall heireftir keip four generall quarterlie meetings in every year in the tolbuith of Edinburgh, upon the first Monday of every quarter, in the fairnoone." On the 23d of June 1628, a meeting is held "in Robert Alexanderis chalmer, wryter in Edinburgh, and ane of the keiparis of the signet." On the 15th of November 1633, "the brethrene convenit in the dwellinghous of Mr. James Gordoun, ane of the twa keiparis;" and on the 23d of that month, again in the

Meetings of
the society.

"hich hall" of Mr. Gordoun's house. On 28th December 1633, 7th January 1636, and 23d February 1639, meetings are held in the "signet chalmer;" on 9th January 1647, in the "auld sessioun house;" on 11th January 1648, in the parliament house; and on 13th March 1654, in the new session house of Edinburgh. It would seem that the society's ordinary meeting-place was either some one of the offices in the tolbooth, or the deputy keeper's house, but the convenience of members might, at any time, cause a change in the place of meeting. The "signet chalmer" and the auld session house appear to have been in the tolbooth. The new session house was in the newly built parliament house. The new kirk was the eastern part of St. Giles', known also as the little kirk, and the high kirk. In the society's accounts for 1616 there occurs a payment of £6 to the keeper of the "heich tolbooth quherin the brether convenit."

Office of the
society, 1695.

It was not till 1695 that steps are taken to secure for the society "ane convenient house, where the signet office, and warrants thereof may be kept, and the wryters may meet upon all occasions." In May of the following year, arrangements were made for furnishing and finishing the "new lodging" bought in terms of previous resolutions. Thereafter follow a number of entries giving minute details of the furnishing and fitting up of the offices, even to the ordering of a dollar of drink-money to be paid to the wright employed at the work. The court off the High Street in which the new office stood, was named the Writers' Court; and the society had the name put up in gilt letters over its entrance gate. In 1704, the treasurer was appointed "to putt up a broad" in the office, bearing, in gold letters, the "names of all the writers that did contribute to the buying of the house, and what soumes were advanced by each of them for that end." The same practice, according to a custom of the times, had previously been followed in the case of donors to the box for the poor. When the new buildings were erected in Parliament Square the signet office was established in them, and thenceforward the



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meetings of the society have been held in the hall of the library. In 1826 the signet office was removed to its present quarters, H.M. Register House.

APPRENTICES AND INTRANTS.

It has been said that "there is no circumstance which has so much contributed to place the society of writers to the signet in the honourable rank which it has so long held, as the attention which has been paid to the education, both general and professional, of their apprentices. There is indeed no law association in the kingdom which has shown so much anxiety on the subject." This statement is fully borne out by a perusal of the minutes. The many regulations on the subject, however, need not be fully detailed here, but the earliest references to apprentices of the society may be noted.

Training of apprentices.

In the minutes of 1594, it was resolved, as already mentioned, that the number of members should be limited, and no new ordinary writer to the signet admitted until the whole number of ordinary members be reduced to twenty-four. Intrants, however, continued to be admitted until the numbers of the society increased from thirty-eight in 1594, to forty-five in 1609. In 1598, the period of apprenticeship was fixed at three years. But the practice varied greatly at different times; and the regulations as to the length of the apprenticeship were often departed from. By an act of 1610, it was required that all writers to the signet "quhen thai salhappin to ressave ony personis prenteissis to thaim," shall do so by an indenture binding the apprentice to serve seven years from its date. It was further appointed that the indenture, on its execution, should be produced to the commissioners, who should cause a note of it to be recorded in the "register buik of the actis of the saidis ordinar wryteris." In the event of a master dying before the expiry of his apprentice's indenture, the commissioners were to assign the

Regulations as to indentures.

apprentice to another writer to the signet, whom he should serve to the end of his term. On 23d July 1628, this act was ratified, with the further provision that for each indenture, the apprentice should pay ten merks, five to the box, and five to the clerk to the commissioners. In 1629 it was further required that, in addition to serving an apprenticeship, an intrant must be twenty-five years of age before he could be admitted into the society. In 1638 it is enacted that if the apprentice duty be not paid within forty days of entering the indenture, the fee shall be doubled and the master shall pay it. In 1630 there occurs a somewhat remarkable entry of the booking of an indenture, by which Andrew Robertson is apprenticed to John Cok for three years only, and the commissioners dispense with the "prenteis dewtie, for gude consideratiouns moving thame." It would be interesting to know what these considerations were. From this time forward the act requiring a seven years' apprenticeship was systematically disregarded. Three, four, or five years became usual terms. Sometimes two years, or even one year, was accepted, and for a long time there was no regular practice on the subject.

Military clause
in early inden-
tures.

One clause in the early indentures is not usual in the present day, and is suggestive of the state of the country. In 1627 military duties were imposed on the apprentices as part of their service. Every apprentice was required to have "a competent stand of musterable armes to lye to his use in the commone storehous or magasin of the wrytteris." Moreover it was provided that if an apprentice died before completing his term of service, or forsook the calling, his arms should remain the property of the society. Clerks as well as apprentices were required to bear arms, and a regular system of military drill was established. It does not appear, however, that the military services of the body so formed were ever called into actual warfare, though their existence as a "company of foote" is noted in 1679. The subsisting "Regulations respecting apprentices and intrants" will be found printed in the appendix.

GOWNS WORN BY MEMBERS.

There are several regulations made by the early writers to the signet as to the wearing of gowns by members of their society. Early regulations as to gowns. Thus it is laid down, 8th Nov. 1609 :—"Since the habite suld distinguishe every one in his calling, all wrytteris to the signet are heireftir, induring thair stay within Edinburgh, bothe in thair cuming abrode in the streittis and in thair wreitting boathe, to wear all the day long (except he walk or ryde abroad without the towne for recreation), a gowne in suche forme as salbe sett downe by the commissioneris." Those having no gowns are to be suspended from office until they get them. Again, on 9th March 1610, the commissioners enact that no ordinary writer to the signet, in time of session, be found within the burgh of Edinburgh, "upon the gate" without his gowne upon him, under pain of deprivation. These injunctions seem to have emanated from a royal command, as appears from a letter of king James VI. to the lord chancellor, Alexander, earl of Dunfermline, and the president and other lords of the college of justice, in which the king states that his regard for the dignity of the college of justice had moved him "to præscribe decent habites to the wholle members thereof according to their seuerall degrees, with expres commandement that the same should be præciselie obserued and the contraueners censured"; and that of late he had heard "that diuers of that body, but in speciall some lawyers and writers to the signet, do not weare the habite præscribed to them, but walk commonlie in clokes." He therefore desires that all who have the honour to be of the college of justice be ordained "everie one of them in their seuerall degrees to weare their said habites at all tymes and at all places therein conteyned."¹ This regulation, having been often transgressed, was frequently renewed; the last re-enactment of it being in 1750.

¹ *Memorials of the Earls of Haddington*, vol. ii. p. 73.

Abacuc Bisset
and his
adventures.

That the commissioners were thoroughly in earnest on the 9th of March 1610, is shown by their action in the case of Abacuc or Habakkuk Bisset, whom they suspended at that meeting for the double offence of having his residence in Aberdeen, and neither wearing nor having a gown. Mr. Bisset, it is to be feared, was an offence to his brethren. He was, if we may judge from what is recorded about him, a man of crabbed temperament, apt to get into quarrels or scrapes, stiff in his manner, like his own handwriting, of which a good many specimens exist. He also passed the great part of life *minus* four fingers of his left hand, about the loss of which he tells a pathetic tale. In the year 1587, when, if tradition is to be trusted, he was about twenty-six years of age, he was a writer to the signet, and at that time residing in Edinburgh. It would appear that in the exercise of his profession, he had given offence to two gentlemen of the name of Hamilton, who, as he tells us in his complaint to the privy council, "consavit ane deidlie feid and haitrent" against him. Not only did they refuse to pay his account on a particular occasion but they threatened his life. Bisset, however, "having committit na crime that deservit" such treatment, continued to behave himself "in peceable and quiet maner as became ane man of his vocation."

Notwithstanding this, on 24th July 1587, his two enemies, "being myndful to putt thair said ungodlie interprise to executioun, come to Sanct Gelis kirk in Edinburgh, bodin in feir of weir, with swerds pistollettis and uther invasive waponis," where they found "the said Abacuc gangand in peceable and quiet maner, a little befor fyve houris at evin, awaiting upon the fyve houris bell to the evening prayeris, quhair he was myndful to have said his prayeris to God, conform to his accustomed use, having na swerd waponis or armour." The two Hamiltons neither appreciated his quiet walk on the summer's afternoon, nor the sacredness of the hour. They set upon him in the church, broke his head with the pommels of their swords, and when he fled, pursued

him to the west porch of the building, where they again struck him, leaving him "mutilat and dismemberit" as already stated.

So gross and open an outrage on a member of the profession could not be passed over in silence, and accordingly Mr. Abacuc's complaint to the privy council was backed up by the lord advocate, then Mr. David MacGill of Nisbet, and by Mark Ker of Newbattle, conservator of the privileges of the college of justice, in name of the whole senators, advocates, scribes, writers, and other members of the same.¹ But except as a token of *esprit de corps* it does not appear that this support availed anything—the aggressors were denounced rebels for non-compearance, but that seems to have been all the satisfaction Bisset gained for the loss of his fingers.

The college of justice supports his complaint.

After this he transferred himself for some years to Aberdeen, where it would seem he again suffered in the same way. In 1608, when once more on his way to the kirk, in a "moist quiet and peciable maner," he was set upon at the instance of a professional brother—a notary, and received "many deidlie strykis on heid, schoulderis, and small of his bak," being left for dead. He survived, however, and duly made a complaint; but it must be regretfully recorded that in this dispute he did not come off well, for not only was he defeated, but his adversary accused him of slander in regard to another matter, and the Council found that Mr. Abacuc had behaved himself "verie maliciouslie," and admonished him "verie scharplie, to forbear in future."

Retires to Aberdeen.

No wonder, therefore, that he was censured by the society to which he claimed to belong, and when in 1613 he petitioned the commissioners to repone him that he might "use his office alsweill within the burgh of Edinburgh as furth thair of," the petition was refused.²

It must be acknowledged, however, that the practice of wearing

¹ Register of privy council, vol. iv. p. 204.

² In the same year John Thomson and William Speir were suspended from exercising

their functions, because of their "removing furth of this burgh, in as far as concerns thair wryting to the signet."

Gowns in 1679
and 1746.

gowns was in later times much neglected, for in 1746, when, as formerly stated, the society resolved that members should wait on the duke of Cumberland in their gowns, the only precedent they could find was a similar honour paid to James, duke of York (James VII.) in 1679, when he came to Edinburgh as the king's high commissioner. Moreover, there was some uncertainty about the form and colour of the gowns worn on that occasion. Several members were of opinion that the gowns were red, but black was deemed a more suitable hue, and the fashion of the gowns was ordered to be adjusted by the deputy keeper and two other writers to the signet. The stuff was to be "Scots shalloon," serge or crape, according to taste, the keeper's gown being distinguished by a neck of black velvet and black silk loops. A gown and baton also were provided for the officer of the society. Although the ancient regulations as to the constant wearing of gowns have thus been long in desuetude, writers to the signet still wear their gowns on occasions of ceremony.

Woollen dress
recommended
to members.

Apart from the question raised in 1746 as to the dimensions and hue of their gowns, the society in that year resolved, in order to encourage the Scottish woollen trade, that at their next general meeting each member should appear dressed in Scots woollen cloth. A committee was appointed to arrange further action towards advancing the trade, and they earnestly recommended every member to wear the cloth "as his occasions require new cloathes" and recusants were to be fined.

THE BOX OR COMMON FUND.

Almost from the beginning of the minutes, the kist or "box" appears as an important institution of the society. As early as 1609, unlaws are appointed to be converted *ad pios usus*; a benevolent arrangement which implies the keeping of some sort of treasury in the hands of the clerk. Thereafter the minutes contain a multitude of entries of fines and fees given to the box,

and due notice is taken of the placing of fines by the clerk in the box, in the presence of the commissioners. But as the subject of fines and finance is fully touched upon elsewhere, the details need not be here given.

One investment, however, made by the society, may be commented on at greater length. In 1677 nine hundred merks were advanced to Alexander Gordon of Earlston, upon a bond over his estate in Galloway. It is characteristic of the uncertain possession of landed property in the fighting times of the seventeenth century, that the borrower's undertaking had to be supported by the joint obligation of two cautioners, William Cleland of Faskine, and Mr. John Baillie of Carfin. All three co-obligants were involved in the movements of the covenanters, the borrower's father, William Gordon of Earlston, having long been a man of note among that party. In 1662, the elder Earlston had been fined £3500 for nonconformity. For a like offence, in 1663, he was banished the kingdom, but in 1667 he was allowed to return home. In 1676 he made over the barony of Earlston to his eldest son Alexander. It is not unlikely that the loan obtained in the following year had some connection with this transaction, or with the designs that gave rise to it. Earlston's ostensible purpose in transferring the estate was to fulfil obligations arising under his son's contract of marriage, but it was a common expedient with gentlemen who found themselves in deep water amid the shifting political currents of those times, to convey their lands to their heirs, and so save the risk of the estates being lost to their families by forfeiture. William Gordon remained in occupation of Earlston, whence, in June 1678, he and his son set out to join the covenanters who had taken up arms in Lanarkshire. The father was killed while on his journey. His son, Alexander, escaped from the field of Bothwell brig and went abroad. On the 18th of February 1680, Alexander Gordon was summoned before the court of justiciary on a charge of treason. Failing to appear, he

Bond by Gordon
of Earlston.

was found guilty and sentenced to death. His estates also were confiscated. These proceedings caused anxiety to the holders of the bond over Earlston, and five days later the commissioners of the signet met, and the treasurer having reported upon the subject, the meeting requested the deputy keeper, sir William Sharpe, "to deal with John, duke of Lauderdale, his majesty's secretary, and the commissioners of the treasury, that no gifts be passed of the said Alexander Gordon's forfeiture, for his rebellion in being with the rebels in the west, in June last, until the said debt be paid." There is no report of the result of the interview thus appointed to be held, but it would appear that the society's claims were fully admitted by the authorities, and that the debt, although not repaid, was kept up as a burden upon the forfeited estate.

In 1690 there is a minute of the society directing the treasurer "to look after the loan due to the writers to the signet by Earlstoun," who in the meantime had been restored to the estate, which had previously passed through several hands. In 1692 lord Rankeillor came forward, and paid up two-thirds of the original debt. An arrangement was then come to which secured the speedy extinction of the burden on the estate. The terms granted were favourable, the society's action being prompted by consideration of the pressure of the laird of Earlston's circumstances, owing to his late forfeiture, and of the "brocken" condition of his two sureties. It may be added that, in 1718, the laird of Earlston succeeded to a baronetcy, which had been conferred on his younger brother William, and which his descendant still holds; that he died in 1726; and that his son, William Gordon of Greenlaw and Culvennan, was a writer to the signet.

CHAIR OF HUMANITY IN THE UNIVERSITY.

Towards the end of the sixteenth century the society aided in the establishment of a chair of law in the university of Edinburgh, being

the first addition to its teaching staff. In the year 1590, after much preliminary discussion, a contract was entered into between the college of justice and the town council, for the foundation of a professorship "of the laws." By that contract, the lords of session on the first part, the advocates and writers to the signet on the second part, and the town council as third parties, each provided the sum of £1000 Scots for the endowment. The chair was, however, soon diverted from its original purpose, and the professor was occupied in teaching, not law, but Latin and Greek. On the occurrence of a vacancy in 1597, the founders agreed that the occupant of the chair should cease to be a professor of law, and should become instead a regent or professor of humanity. At the same time the professor's income was reduced to one-third of the original endowment, and the remaining two-thirds were devoted by the patrons to the maintenance of bursars. By an arrangement come to in the same year, the patronage of the chair of humanity was vested in six commissioners, two to be chosen by the lords of session, two by the town council, one by the advocates, and one by the writers to the signet. Except in so far as altered by the universities act of 1858, which substitutes the curators of the university as patrons, instead of the town council, this arrangement still remains in force.

Law professor-
ship, 1590.

Chair of
humanity.

In the following century the town council proposed to the college of justice that the chair of humanity should be abolished, in order that its work might be transferred to the high school of Edinburgh, and the revenue of the chair expended on bursaries. On the 11th of January 1648¹ the writers to the signet were accordingly convened in the parliament house "anent their voytis, craved quhidder thair annual-rent of fyve hundreth pundis destinat and mortifyeit for ane help to ane professor in the college of Edinburgh, according to the first institution, sould be employit to that use, or for intertenement of ane bursar." The meeting unanimously refused "the inversioun

Proposed
changes.

¹ Sir Alexander Grant, in his *Story of the University of Edinburgh*, gives the date of this proposal as 1656, but the minutes of the town council corroborate the date given in the text.

of the first fundatioun," and declined to interfere with the professorship. Such was also the decision of the college of justice as a whole.

Medal.

It may be added that, in 1824, the writers to the signet instituted an annual medal of the value of ten guineas to be given as a prize to the best Latin scholar in the senior humanity class. In 1860, however, the giving of this medal was discontinued "for the present."

In 1708 the society showed its interest in the scientific enterprises of the day by appointing four of its members to visit "a machin" termed "a *perpetuum mobile*," invented, or at least promoted, by Mr. Robert Stewart, minister of the gospel, and recommending a collection towards its expense. In 1794, further aid to science was given by a vote of twenty guineas a year, payable for three years, towards keeping up a museum of natural history established by Mr. Alexander Weir at number 16 Princes Street, Edinburgh.

GRANTS TO PUBLIC WORKS AND CHARITIES.

Public works.

There are recorded in the minutes of the society many grants in aid of public works of various kinds, as, for example, towards the building of the royal infirmary of Edinburgh in 1738; for the erection of an observatory for the university of Edinburgh; and also in 1738 towards the establishment of the orphan hospital in Edinburgh; for the relief of the burgh of Kinghorn from the expense incurred in building a harbour at Pettycur in 1760; to the maintenance of the poorhouse and charity workhouses in Edinburgh; towards the erection of a church for the Gaelic-speaking community of Edinburgh in 1768; for the building of "a qualified English chappel in Edinburgh in 1774"; and for other works of a like kind. In 1751, five hundred guineas were given towards a scheme for rebuilding ruinous houses in Edinburgh in such a way as to afford "great decorement to the city and many large conveniencys." In 1788, when it was decided in the court of session that the writers,

as members of the college of justice, were exempt from payment of the poor-rates then levied, the society resolved that, as their action in the matter had arisen only from regard to the privileges of the members, a donation of five hundred guineas should be given from the funds in support of the charity workhouse of the city. Similar large grants were, at other times, given for the same object. In 1789, six hundred guineas were voted towards the erection of new buildings for the university of Edinburgh, and a further sum of two hundred pounds was devoted to the same purpose in 1812. In 1796 there occurs an entry of two hundred and fifty guineas given for supplying meal to the poor at reduced prices. At various times the charity of the society has been directed towards the assistance of those who suffered from the fires which formerly were of frequent occurrence in Edinburgh. In 1824, two hundred and seventy-three pounds were given from the funds to meet such a case. The contributions of the society towards works of public importance have been continued down to the present time. Thus, for example, in 1872 a grant of fifty guineas was made for the improvement and restoration of St. Giles' church, Edinburgh, and in 1880 one hundred guineas more were given in aid of that important work. In 1883 two hundred and fifty pounds were voted for the extension of the Edinburgh university buildings. In a very recent minute there is a note of two hundred and fifty pounds subscribed towards the foundation of the imperial institute of the United Kingdom.

Besides making such grants to public works and charities from the common fund, the commissioners frequently directed the attention of the ordinary members to charitable objects lying beyond the limits to which the public benefactions of the society were confined. Thus, in 1610, "the commissioners ordanit the hail bretherene to gif support, according to thair chirritie, for help of the pure Italiane, Francis de Parisco." Another such case occurs in 1616, when a petition is presented to the society from the burgh of

General
charities.

Cupar, "for reparatioun of thair buildingis and guidis, laithie brunt and destroyit be fyre." Having considered this petition, "the haill brether, all in ane voce, grantit to gif them supplie, as thai suld be movit thairto of thair awn willis," and appointed collectors to obtain subscriptions from the members. In 1618 there is a notice of contributions given by the writers to the signet "to the supplie of the brig of Crawmond." There are also two interesting entries, in 1631, regarding a collection made among the members of the college of justice "for the help and supplie of the pure distressit pepill of the palatinate," on whom the troubles of the thirty years' war had fallen with great severity. For this object there was collected a sum of £2984, 10s. 4d. Scots, of which £926, 17s. was given by the writers to the signet. The fortunes of the palatinate had been made specially interesting to Scotsmen by the marriage of the ill-fated elector Frederick to princess Elizabeth, daughter of James VI.

Poor's fund.

In 1685, "the haill breitheren, in consideration of the multitude of their poor, and for the inress of their stock," volunteered each to pay the treasurer £3 Scots a year for the use of the poor. In 1703 it was resolved, in respect of the smallness of the stock, and because the poor of the calling were numerous, "that therfor ther be ane act made discharging the intrant wryters of any expences of drinking or otherwayes at the examinatione and admissioun," and that, in place of the £166, 13s. 4d., payable for the poor and the "house," at the admission of a member, the payment be increased to £200 Scots. In 1755 further steps were taken in the same direction.

The society, moreover, on occasions took further means to obtain aid for the poor of their number. Thus, in 1663, two of the brethren were appointed to speak to the kirk treasurer, to obtain from the funds in his hands some help for Judith Nairn, relict of Mr. Alexander Carmichael, W.S., to whom the society itself had voted relief. Further, it was to be intimated to the kirk treasurer, that, if help were not given in this case, the society would withdraw its monthly contribution paid to the deacons of the kirks for the poor of the burgh.

In 1667, again, we find the treasurer, by instruction of the commissioners, "indenting" John Alexander, son of the deceased Robert Alexander, W.S., as apprentice to Gavin Sangster, "tailzeour, and freeman in the Cannongaitheid," and paying £50 Scots from the funds as his apprentice fee. On behalf of the brother of this apprentice, Alexander Alexander, "ane poor young orphan of six yeirs or thereby," the treasurer is appointed, at the same time, to pay five marks a month "for his entertainment," and to make further payments for his schooling and clothing. In the following year the treasurer reports that he has paid £50 Scots as a fee on account of George Neill, son of the late Robert Neill, W.S., on his being apprenticed "to John Tailzeowr, tayliowr burgess of the Cannogait." On the same day, the commissioners having voted a grant of three rex dollars to James Hog, a pensioner of the society, and apparently an old advocate's clerk, resolved that three of their number should speak to sir Robert Sinclair, the dean of faculty, anent the said James Hog, that he might get some help from the advocates' box.

That charitable cases were carefully considered upon their merits, appears from the frequent language of the minutes regarding them. We come constantly upon cases described in terms like the following: "ane aged poore man"; "a seicklie infirm blind man, in his necessity and great distress"; "ane poore and indigent seicklie man, who hes lyn seik this whyll by past"; "ane poor zong orphan"; "ane aged infirme and poore woman"; "poore fatherles childrene"; "ane sicklie poore indigent woman, unable to goe to service, or act anything for her lyvliehood"; "ane poor sicklie man, having the perills in his head, and other infirmities of his bodie"; "ane indigent sicklie widdow, having three children"; "ane wryter's son, for buying him cloaths"; and so forth. In doubtful cases there is added, at times, some quaint proviso, such as "that they be no farder troublesome in any tyme coming," or "and she is never to ask more," or "without any more to be given him hereafter." Many similar benefactions will be found in the chapter which deals with the funds.

TRUSTS ADMINISTERED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE SIGNET.

Craigcrook
mortification.

John Strachan of Craigcrook, writer to the signet and fiscal of the society, by a deed of mortification, dated the 24th of September 1712, and recorded the 4th of August 1719, directed that the lands of Craigcrook and North Clermiston in the parish of Cramond, which he had purchased in 1698, should be held perpetually in trust ("the lands never to be sold, but to remaine as mortified land for ever"), and the proceeds to be devoted to the relief of "poor old men and women and orphans." The deed proceeds upon the testator's "thankful *resentment* and commemoration" of God's goodness to him in his "pains and industrie" in his "imployment," and further "withall, that none of my relatives or nearest of kin may have right to what shall happen, in land or money, to belong to me the tyme of my decease." As managers of his benefaction Mr. Strachan appointed "two advocatts, two wryters to the signett, and the presbitry of Edinburgh, at the sight of the lords of session." In addition to the general purposes of the trust, yearly grants are directed to be paid, from the income of the estate, for the following purposes, "to the advocates' poor yearly, for yr pains, fyftie merks scots; and to the wryters to the signet, one hundred merks yearly," also "for the ministers of the presbitry, yr pains, yearly twenty pounds scots, to be payed to one of ym successively for an bible, and to begin with the moderator of the presbitry and yrafter yearly ilk one *per vices*, as the presbytery shall appoint." The benefit of the mortification is restricted by the managers to persons over sixty-three years of age who have fallen into poor circumstances, and to orphan children. The income of the charity is now about £1100 or £1200 a year.

Watson trust.

On the death, in 1759, of Mr. John Watson, W.S., the society received the residue of his estate in trust for such pious and charitable uses within the city of Edinburgh as the trustees might choose. In 1822 an act of parliament was obtained enabling the

trustees to erect and endow "an hospital for the maintenance and education therein of destitute children, and bringing them up to be useful members of society, and also for assisting in their outset in life such of them as may be thought to deserve and require such aid." The hospital was completed in 1828. It is managed by fifteen directors, members of the society. Under the directors' administration the funds of the trust have steadily increased, and they now amount to over £125,000.

Mr. Joseph Thomson of Mortonhall of Eildon, by his deed of settlement executed in 1774, conveyed the residue of his estate in trust, to form a perpetual fund for the purchase of oatmeal for poor householders within the city of Edinburgh not in receipt of parochial relief. The original trustees named by Mr. Thomson having died, and others appointed *ex officiis* having failed to accept office, the deputy keeper of the signet became, in 1814, the sole trustee of the mortification. Under the administration of successive deputy keepers the fund has grown considerably in amount, and is now about £20,000. In dispensing this charity, relief is given to such poor persons only as are recommended by ministers and missionaries working in the city. In this way about twelve hundred families in each year receive aid.

Through the death, in 1828, of Mr. James Dick, a native of Forres, who had made a fortune in the West Indies, the society became connected with an important bequest for "the maintenance and assistance of the country parochial schoolmasters" in the counties of Aberdeen, Banff, and Moray. The original trustees of the bequest were the keeper, the deputy keeper, the treasurer, and eight of the commissioners of the writers to the signet chosen by the society. But under a scheme framed by the Educational Endowments Commissioners of 1882, the governing body now consists of thirteen persons, of whom eight are elected by the commissioners of the signet. The capital sum which came at first under the management of the trust amounted to £119,000, but it has now increased

to £125,000. The income of this fund is apportioned among schoolmasters of the landward parishes in the three counties, according to rules drawn up by the trustees. At the present time there are a hundred and twenty-seven schoolmasters in receipt of grants from the bequest.

Royal infirmary. By the Edinburgh royal infirmary act of 1870, the society became entitled to appoint annually one of the twenty-one managers of the royal infirmary of Edinburgh.

Orphan hospital. By a charter of king George II., granted on the 25th June 1742, incorporating the orphan hospital of Edinburgh, the keeper, treasurer, and senior commissioner of the society are appointed members of the corporation.

Murray trust. In 1880, under the trust settlement of Miss Mary Murray, who resided in Dysart, a bequest of £34,000 became vested in the keeper, deputy keeper, and commissioners of the signet, as trustees for the establishment of a hospital for the education of girls of respectable, poor parentage, to be household servants. Along with the keeper and deputy keeper, six of the commissioners are appointed directors of the hospital. The practical work of this charity is carried on in the hospital premises at Prestonpans, which are held by the directors on lease.

Fettes college. In terms of a scheme drawn up by the Educational Endowments Commissioners of 1882, the writers to the signet elect annually a governor of the Fettes trust. The governors of this endowment, coming in place of the testamentary trustees of sir William Fettes, baronet, are invested with the administration of Fettes college, and the estates and funds connected therewith.

HEREDITY IN THE SOCIETY.

There is always a hereditary tendency in professional life, but it is somewhat remarkable to find heredity so strongly developed as it has been among the writers to the signet. The same surnames appear again and again upon the lists, and the connection of many

families with the calling has been kept up through a long series of years. The continuance of a family for three generations in the society is so common as hardly to attract attention. It is more notable to find such a race as the Russells of Braidshaw and Roseburn, connected with the body from 1711 till 1887, during which time six members of the family, constituting five generations, were writers to the signet. There have likewise been six Ferriers, six Formans, and six Steuarts, all of the same families. The list contains also five Hamiltons of Presmennan, six Andersons of Inchyra, seven Balfours of Pilrig, seven Brodies of Lethen, five Tytlers of Woodhouselee, five Tods of Drygrange, seven Mackenzies of Portmore, five Dundases of Ochertyre, and five Cuninghams of Newholm.

ARMORIAL BEARINGS.

On the 15th of August 1789, the society obtained from the Lyon king-of-arms a grant of armorial bearings. From the minute referring to the subject it seems that the device of the king's signet had been in previous use. The arms are registered as follows: "azure a saltyr argent, in the flanches two thistles or, and in chief and base the royal signet of the second, with this inscription on the edge, *signetum regium*."

NOTARIES PUBLIC.

In dealing with the history of the writers to the signet, mention should also be made of the society's connection with a very ancient body of legal practitioners—the notaries public. In the mediæval period of Scottish history the notaries were almost the only conveyancers, while the office of advocate also was very generally discharged by them. Their rise was due to the action of the western emperors, who, claiming to be successors of the emperors of Rome, aspired also to make their courts fountains of law for all the European kingdoms. As the notaries of early times were

clerics, the pope, as head of the church, exercised along with the emperor the privilege of appointing them to the special office. In due time, however, the independent princes of Europe saw the advantage of having in their own hands the nomination of notaries within their territories, and, one by one, they assumed for themselves such a right. Notaries constituted by authority of the pope and the emperor practised in Scotland from an early period, but king James III., in 1469, was the first Scottish king who asserted a claim to commission notaries for his dominions. The act of parliament by which this result was carried through sets forth that "it is thocht expedient that sen our soverane lord hes ful jurisdictione and fre impire within his realme, yat his hienes may mak notaris and tabellionis, quhais instrumentis sal have ful faith in all contractis civile within ye realme. And, in tyme cumyn yt na notaris, maid, nor to be maid, be ye imperor's autorite, have faith in contractis civile within ye realme, les yan he be examingt be ye ordinare, and apprieved be ye kingis hienes." There follows a clause saving the authority of the papal and imperial notaries "in tymes by-gane, in all their instrumentis." It is further provided by the act "yat notaris to be maid be our soverane lorde be examinit before yair ordinaris bishoppes, and have certificacioun of yame yat yai ar of faith, gude fame, science and lawte, according for ye said office."

It is difficult now to estimate fully the importance of this statute, because the duties of the early notaries were very different from those of their successors at the present day. It has been said they were the principal conveyancers of the kingdom, but they were much more. Scarcely any matter or business between parties could be undertaken without the presence of a notary. They were to be found in the king's palace, and in the castles of the nobles, acting as chroniclers of the ceremonies of war or peace. They were to be found in the midst of feuds and quarrels, even on the field of battle, recording as calmly as might be what they heard and saw. They appear in the courts of law and in the barons'

courts; taking protests against acts of injustice, and they also watched over the transference of land rights or of sums of money lent on heritable securities. They might be seen knocking loudly at a superior's gate to demand infeftment for a client, and ready to note the subsequent refusal or acquiescence. Again they were to be met recording the ejection of an intruder from a mansion or the extinguishing of a hearth fire at an eviction. All these and many other transactions were incomplete unless a notary was present to write his "instrument" detailing the proceedings. So important an office, therefore, required special enactments and special safeguards.

The establishment of the court of session, and other changes in the economy of the law, greatly altered the position of notaries in our legal system; but the rules for their admission laid down in 1469 were but little altered for more than a century. From time to time acts of parliament were passed regulating the examinations of intrant notaries. Notable among these are James IV. c. 64, 1503; James V. cc. 76 and 78, 1540; and Mary, c. 24, 1551; c. 44, 1555; cc. 78 and 79, 1563. By virtue of the last of these statutes, the lords of session and college of justice obtained the power, which they still exercise, of creating and admitting notaries public in Scotland. An act of the eleventh parliament of king James VI. c. 45, passed in 1587, "for remeid of the falsset and ignorance of sindrie notaries," requires that those to be admitted notaries should have "a reasonable understanding in the Latin tongue," and have served with one of the lords of session, commissaries, writers to the signet, or some of the sheriff, steward, or bailie clerks of the shire or burghs.¹

¹ As this act is still a ruling authority on the subject, it may be well to give its terms:—

"For remeid of the falsset and ignorance of Sindrie notaris . . .

"It is statute and ordanit be his ma^{tie} w^t auise of the thrie estaitis of yis p^{nt} parliamēt That all admissioun of notaris in tyme cuming ceis

and stay for the space of five zeiris next efter the date of yir p^{nt}is And yat nane be admittit noteris thairefter bot yai that hes ressonable vnderstanding in the latine toung and is at the leis congruus That yai have seruit and bene in cumpanie w^t ane of the lordis of sessioun comissaris writtaris to ye signet or sum of thei^r

An application for admission as a notary proceeded upon a petition presented to the court of session. A remit was then made to members of that body, styled "the lordis examinators," and, at least in the later practice, the applicant, if found qualified, was admitted by these examining judges without any report to the court. The work of examining thus entailed upon the lords of session, seems to have interfered with their other duties, and, on 31st December 1595, and 30th July 1691, acts of sederunt were passed stringently regulating the examination of notaries. The last-named act ordains, "that in time comeing, no person be admitted nottar, unless a petition be given in to the whole lords, *in presentia*, with a certificate under the hands of persones of credit attesting the petitioner to be a person of good fame, and that he hath had good breeding for qualifying him to excerce the trust of a nottar-publick; and that exact tryall be taken by the ordinary on the bills for the time, and any other of the lords to be appoynted by them (being both mett together), of the person's knowledge and qualifications, conform to the acts of parliament which are in vigour, before he be admitted nottar." It came to be the rule that the certificate thus required should be signed by an advocate and a writer to the signet. The lords examiners reported to the court the result of their personal examination of the applicant, and, if their report was favourable, the court thereupon admitted the notary. These forms coming in time to be found burdensome, the two lords ordinary who acted as lords examiners, made a remit

āref Stewart or baillie clerkis of the schyre or coñoun clerkis of the held burrowis of yis realme And haif seruit yame trewlie the full space of sevin zeiris and reporte y^r testimoniall of y^r treuth and qualificatioun to be schawin to the lordis of counsall in tyme of y^r examinatioun qlkis sall tak cair in the same examinatioun be thame selfis or sum of yair awin clerkis or sum of the clerkis of the signet quhome yai pleias call to thame for yat effect. And spēalie yai sall causs the p^{te}ie desirous to be admittit noter gif a p^{nt} and full pruif in yair p^{ns} of his writ-

ting and congruitie be formig of sum euident as charter of waird blenche fewferme burgage mortificatioun or apprising or of ane precept past or of ane reto^r or of clare cōstat or of ane infestment of resignatioun in favo^r or ad perpetuā remanētiam or sum instrument of seising, or of ane contract, a compromis, a procuratorie, a tak, a reversioun, acquittance, or sum vy^r coñoun forme of euident And nane to be admittit bot be triall and pruif foirsaid.—*Acts of Parliament* (Thomson, edit. 1814), vol. iii, p. 449.

to two writers to the signet specially named, "to take the tryall of the petitioners' qualifications as directed by the ffourty-fifth act of the eleventh parliament of king James the sixth, and to report." This last mode of procedure can be traced back as far as the year 1736 ; and, from 1750 onwards, it has, with the modifications after-mentioned, been followed.

In 1812, the minutes of this society bear that it was "resolved that it would be proper in future to appoint permanent examiners for the trial of applicants for the office of notary public." The change, thus proposed, meeting with the approval of the court, was adopted. Since 1886 the commissioners of the signet appointed to examine intrants to their society have also examined applicants for the office of notary public, and this practice remains in force. By the law agents' act of 1873 any enrolled law agent wishing to become a notary public may apply to the court of session to be admitted a notary, and the court may admit him and grant warrant for his enrolment on his paying the legal stamp-duty.

CHAPTER II.

THE LIBRARY.

THE library of the society, generally known as the SIGNET LIBRARY, is not yet a hundred and seventy years old. It at present contains more than 82,000 volumes, and for many years has been growing at the rate of about 1000 volumes annually. The books are arranged in two large halls and in a number of smaller adjoining apartments. In the upper hall (138 feet by 41) are placed works of general literature, history, and science, English and foreign. The lower hall, which is used as the public reading-room (104 feet by 41), contains the principal law-books, Scottish and English, as well as British history, topography and biography, with voyages and travels. Leading from the lower hall, and on the same floor, are the rooms assigned respectively to the deputy keeper of the signet and to the librarian, which, with the west lobby, are filled with books. Above are the commissioners' room and the session paper room, while below, on the basement floor, is a series of apartments known as the fiscal's or map room, the civil law room, and the magazine room, with three others, unnamed, and recently furnished with shelves,—making eleven in all.

Law library,
founded 1722.

The germs of the library were created, on the 12th November 1722,¹ by an order of the society to the effect that all the Scots law-books, and the acts of parliament passed before and after the union, should be procured at once, and that to these should be added all future publications of the same kind as they appeared. The collection thus acquired was not a large one. The Scots law-

By a misprint in Mr. Bell's *Memorial* foundation of the library is dated in 1752; and
(Jardine's *Collection of Signet Papers*, vol. i.) the this error has been frequently repeated.

books then in print did not amount to more than sixty volumes in all. The books were to lie in the Signet Office, then located in Writers' Court. Before many months passed it was found expedient to add sundry works of English law, and accordingly, on 15th July 1723, we find authority given to the treasurer to pay forty shillings sterling for the following books: Cowell's *Law Dictionary*, Jacob's *Accomplished Conveyancer*, *The Grand Precedent* by the same author, and a more recent publication, Greenwood on *County Courts*.

There were at this time no regular funds set apart for the library; and the treasurer, who was commissioned to make the requisite purchases of books, seems to have assumed some responsibility for their safe-keeping. He makes complaint to a general meeting in 1738 that certain volumes were missing, and has inquiries made for their discovery and return. The manner in which the library fund originated is curious. The customary entertainments given by intrants upon their admission to the society had apparently led to some abuses. The deputy keeper and commissioners, who had previously attempted to suppress these festivities, now (Feb. 3, 1755) imposed a fine upon any intrant who should give an entertainment of the sort; and, furthermore, "in consideration of this expense being saved to the intrants," enacted that each intrant in time to come should pay three guineas to be applied to the purchasing of books for the society, and that any clerk of the society going to such entertainments should pay five guineas, by way of fine, towards the same fund. The result was so far satisfactory that, in the following January, the treasurer was able to report that he now held in his hands from this source about twenty-seven guineas, with which he was ready to purchase books.

Library fund.

This original tax of three guineas was, in 1769, raised to £10; and in 1778 the payment was so divided that half the sum was paid on entering into indenture and half on admission into the society. In 1787 the whole sum was paid at the date of indenture.

As, for a period of many years from this time the average number of apprentices was forty, this tax alone produced about £400 a year.

General library,
1788.

It was not till 1778, when this small law library had been in existence for more than half a century, that the society resolved to form a general library on a large scale, and with this view began to collect the best books in every department of literature. But the need of access to such a collection for the purposes of reference and research had been long felt. In 1740 a proposal had been made that the writers to the signet should be granted all the privileges of the members of the bar with regard to the advocates' library, which, at that time, was making great progress under its energetic keeper and "second founder," Mr. Ruddiman. A committee of members of the society met with the dean of the faculty and some of the leading advocates to make arrangements with this object, and a general meeting of the society, unanimously approving the scheme, proposed to contribute fifty guineas to the funds of the advocates' library, and to burden each intrant with the payment of 100 merks Scots. The project, however, fell through.

First curators.

It may be said, therefore, that 1778 was the true date of the birth of the general library. Two curators, viz., Mr. Samuel Mitchelson, treasurer, and Mr. David Erskine, were appointed, with powers to purchase books. A stamp inscribed with the name of the society was placed upon the books. Important donations were made at various times by members of the society and their friends. Hew Dalrymple, lord Drummorie, presented a fine copy of *Domesday*, and Henry Dundas, viscount Melville, the lord advocate, procured a copy of the *London Gazette* to be regularly sent to the library. Mr. Andrew Stuart presented a set of the journals of both houses of parliament, in sixty volumes, folio; Mr. Archibald Campbell of Succoth gave a good collection of the ancient classics. Meanwhile, as the books multiplied, the curators became unable to devote the necessary time to the work assigned to them,

or to grapple with the difficulties arising from want of space. Changes were made from time to time in the number of curators and their mode of election. In 1788 there were five appointed, and in 1792 nine. The books now numbered about 3000, and many were piled on the floor for want of shelf-room. The volumes had been removed from the signet office in 1782 to a new library room. But this room in turn had been filled to overflowing. There was still no regular librarian; and a special committee, reporting on the state of the library (May 26, 1794), suggests that such an appointment should be deferred until a new library room be procured, and that meantime "the charge of the books should be committed to Mr. John Cameron, who, indeed, for some considerable time, had had the management of them."¹ It is probable that we owe to Mr. Cameron the compilation of the first catalogue of the library, printed at Edinburgh in octavo, 1792.

This catalogue is a rough hand-list hastily drawn up and not free from errors, but it is interesting as presenting a view of the character and contents of the collection at that early date, and indicating the aim which the curators had before them. Mr. Robert Bell, the lecturer on conveyancing, in a memorial which he addressed to the society on the affairs of the library in 1800, made great complaint of its insufficiency.² He was ambitious that it should contain not only the standard works in every branch of study, but all historical muniments which could elucidate the former state of the country and the progress of her laws. He advocated a collection of portraits as well as of manuscripts. In the opinion of Mr. Bell, the collection already made was ill chosen. Yet it will be seen that its foundations were, even at this time, laid deeply if not broadly. The deficiency was, indeed, most patent in the department in which,

First catalogue.

¹ In 1792 Mr. Cameron was paid £11, 11s. "for trouble." In 1795, notwithstanding the suggestion of the committee, there is payment made to him of "salary as librarian by order,

"at the rate of £25 a year, afterwards, in 1800, increased to £67.

² "Memorial relative to the library of the writers to the signet, etc., humbly submitted to the consideration of the members."

judging from its present state, we should least expect it, viz., in the national literature.

The collection
of books.

The great European collections and works of research were already on the shelves. There were 182 volumes of the *Académie des Sciences*; 114 of the *Acta Eruditorum Lipsiæ*; Muratori's collection of Italian historians; Dom Bouquet's *Histoire littéraire de France*; the thirty folios of the Byzantine historians; the great collections of antiquities by Grævius, Gronovius and Ugolini, and Gruter's Roman inscriptions. Ecclesiastical history was represented by the annals of Baronius, the works of Beausobre, Basnage, Tillemont, and Mosheim; Hebrew literature and criticism by Walton's polyglot, the *Critici Sacri*, Surenhusius' *Mischna*, and the works of Bochart. There were also Kennicott's Hebrew bible, the *Codex Alexandrinus* of the Greek testament, Origen's *Hexapla* and the *Patres Apostolici* of Cotelierius. In French literature there were the works of Montaigne, Corneille, Molière, Racine, Voltaire, Rousseau, and Crébillon; in Italian, Machiavelli, Metastasio, Tasso, and Dante. But although there were Hebrew, Russian, Spanish and Italian bibles, there was no copy of the English version; and while English poetry was represented by Milton and Pope, there was no edition of Shakespeare, and, what is perhaps more strange, none of sir David Lindsay. In light literature the society was content with Sterne's *Tristram Shandy* and his *Sentimental Journey*. In voyages and travels, now a strong feature of the library, readers were limited to the collections of Hakluyt, Harris, and Prévost. The ground-work of the present rich collection of British topography was already laid by the acquisition of some good county histories.

The collection as a whole was certainly miscellaneous, and, while the departments of learning were unequally represented, in none was there an approach to completeness. The works were, however, not ill chosen if regarded as specimens of each class—solid blocks of literature placed here and there to mark the line of the foundations upon which it was intended to raise the superstructure.

For a few years longer Mr. Cameron and Mr. Alexander Alison, the assistant clerk to the society, appear to have had charge of the books. The curators took pains to procure suitable additions to the library, but the practical management fell into comparative neglect. In 1804 Mr. George Sandy, who had passed W.S. in 1798, was appointed one of a committee of four to draw up a report upon the state of the library. Books, it is said, were found in large numbers not stamped or entered in the catalogue; and there were masses of books and papers unarranged and unbound, lying in various parts of the house, and several volumes missing altogether. For three months Mr. Sandy assiduously devoted himself to the task of re-arranging the books and restoring the library to its proper condition. An evidence of his industry remains in the inscription *Ex libris bibliothecæ scribarum Signeto regio* which he wrote in every volume then in possession of the society. He next turned his attention to the catalogue, and in order to remedy the defects in the list of 1792, and to bring it up to date, he undertook the compilation of a *catalogue raisonné*, or classified catalogue, on an elaborate scale, not only specifying the titles of all the separate pieces in the several collections or transactions of societies, but analysing the contents, or giving the heads of chapters, of important works.

Mr. George Sandy,
librarian.

This catalogue, though certainly premature, was not without its use, seeing how largely the library at that time consisted of publications of a cyclopædic and polygraphic character. Mr. Sandy's volume was printed in quarto at the university press in 1805. His preface is dated May 15th of that year; but before the book was issued, the appointment of Mr. Macvey Napier as the official librarian of the society entirely changed the aspect of affairs. For the next thirty years he was the soul of every enterprise in connection with the library, and to his energy and zeal is in a large measure due the merit of selecting and accumulating whatever is richest and most valuable in the present collection.

Mr. Macvey
Napier,
librarian.

Mr. Sandy, shortly after the completion of his catalogue, received

the appointment of secretary to the bank of Scotland, and held that office for about thirty years. The society, however, elected him a curator of the library for life. He was a well-known character in Edinburgh, and his portrait or caricature, with a description of his features and figure, more forcible than flattering, may be seen in Crombie's *Modern Athenians*. Mr. Sandy died in 1853.

Library building. But to return to the history of the buildings. In 1778 when the library, as has been said, first emerged from its chrysalis state, the society was already contemplating the erection of a new hall and library room on ground which was at that time for sale, near the session house, "where the old burgh room stood." The cost of the new ground and building was to have been £3000, and the value of the old signet office was estimated at £200. The society however, after some negotiations, thought fit to abandon the scheme. Yet some increase of accommodation was imperative; and when, two years later, Mr. Walter Scott, the father of sir Walter, and other influential members once more urged the acquisition of a set of rooms with a hall (35 feet by 22) for the sum of £2000, a large majority was in favour of the proposal. Still nothing was done, until in 1782 the society was content to purchase the house or flat immediately above the signet office in Writers' Court for a hall and library (at £342), adding to it, in the following year, the house immediately below, which was purchased from Mr. James Marshall, W.S. An entry from the hall into the exchange was then made. Here was the library room, which contained the 3000 volumes catalogued in the list of 1792, and which the committee of 1794 reported to be "totally inadequate," from the great increase of books lately purchased. The hall, too, described as 29 feet by 18, "with a large table in the midst," was said to be not large enough for a full meeting of the society, which then numbered about 280 members.

There was now some talk of acquiring part of the public buildings about to be erected in connection with the parliament house, but the project seemed too remote to be taken into practical consideration.



LOWER HALL

In the last year of the century a definite proposal was made to purchase the house of Mr. Home Rigg in the Royal Bank Close—a proposal vigorously advocated in the above-mentioned memorial by Mr. Bell, who appends to his paper a plan of the building, with certain alterations intended to adapt it to the needs of the society. This house was to cost £2000. The principal apartment measured no more than 30 feet by 18, but there were six other rooms besides one intended for the signet office. Again the projected purchase failed to secure the suffrages of the majority. But, as on the former occasion (1782), the society preferred to enlarge its existing premises; and accordingly, in 1807, secured the adjoining house belonging to Mr. Ross for £220, and opened a door between the two houses. This gave the members a room, slightly larger than that in Mr. Home Rigg's house, and a residence for the officer. The new librarian, Mr. Napier, took an active part in the transaction. It was in this same year, 1807, that the curators opened a minute-book of their proceedings, and the first entries have reference to the necessary alterations for the rearrangement of the books in the new building. The revenue of the library fund was now about £500.

It is noteworthy that just six months after the books were re-distributed in their new home, Mr. Napier reported that the time had now come when it appeared desirable for the society to co-operate with other public bodies in the acquisition of the area laid out for buildings in the vicinity of the parliament house. Shortly afterwards we find Mr. Reid, architect, who was empowered to treat with communities desirous of being accommodated in these buildings,¹ attending at the request of the library committee to explain the plans he had drawn up. The space allotted to the society was on the lower floor of the building, on a level

Newhall and library
Parliament Square.

¹ Trustees were named by act of parliament, for the purpose of erecting certain public buildings in immediate connection with the parliament house, and it was proposed to include in the plan of these buildings a hall and

library for the writers to the signet, "upon their agreeing to defray a rateable proportion of the general expense."—Report from the library committee, March 7th, 1809 (Jardine's *Papers*, vol. ii.).

with the parliament house—into which there was to be a door opening from the lobby upon the site of the old goldsmiths' hall—in length 103 feet, in breadth 38, and in height 20. At the extremity of this space and adjoining the signet office—a part of the building for which provision was made in the act—it was proposed to have small rooms opening from the library for committee meetings, etc. The estimate of Mr. Reid, confirmed by an estimate furnished by Mr. Burns on behalf of the society, was £5000.

The committee calculated that, after the sale of the premises in Writers' Court, there would probably be a deficiency of £3000, and that the expenses of fitting up the new apartments would amount to £1000 more. On this supposition they proposed to borrow £4000 from the general or poor's fund, and to pay the interest by an annual subscription of one guinea from each member. The scheme was agreed upon at an annual meeting in March 1809. Various modifications of the plan of the building were subsequently made (November 1810) in certain details, especially with regard to the arrangement of the rooms at the west end of the library; and there was considerable delay before the draft contract was completed. From November 1810 to January 1812 nothing was done. The society then called to their assistance Mr. Stark, architect, and instructed him to prepare detailed designs and working plans, to furnish them to Mr. Reid, and to inspect the work from time to time as it proceeded. The building was begun in November 1812 and finished in March 1815. It was then found that there was due to the trustees the sum of £3424, 3s. 7d., in addition to the £5000 of the original estimate. £755, 10s. 3d. was to be paid to architects; the painting and carpets had cost £1050; and a honorarium of £525 was bestowed upon the librarian, who had throughout superintended the work in all its details. The total cost of the new buildings amounted, therefore, to £10,754, 13s. 10d. The old apartments in Writers' Court sold for £1600. It was now apparent that after the payment of the interest on the debt,

and the salaries and other necessary annual expenses, there would, with the existing sources of income, remain very little for books. The tax on apprentices was accordingly now raised from £20 to £50, which, it was calculated, would amount to, at least, £2000, and would leave for the purchase of books £1286. This sum, adds the committee, "although apparently large, will be found to be not more than adequate for the expenditure necessary for preserving the high character the library has already most justly acquired."¹

The books now multiplied rapidly. From 1808 to 1814, in the enlarged rooms in Writers' Court, the progress had been steady, the annual expenditure on books and bindings gradually advancing from £450 to £632. But in 1815 the curators recognised that this was not "nearly adequate to the double purpose of supplying the many deficiencies in useful literature and the new publications of interest." The average expenditure for the next seven years suddenly leapt to £1155 for books alone. In 1823 the sum so spent was £1575, exclusive of £256 for binding; and in the following year the same accounts amounted to £1994, 12s. 3d. The library also received in 1821 a remarkable donation of Polish literature and works upon Poland, 180 volumes in all, from the count Constantin Zamoyski, in recognition of the courtesy shown by the society in allowing him and his friends the use of the library; and his generous example was shortly afterwards followed by count Sobieski, who presented fifty additional volumes of the same kind. In 1825 it was reckoned that the number of books was five times what it had been in 1805, that is, probably about 30,000 volumes as compared with the 6000 of the former date.

Expenditure
on books.

It is not surprising that the society should, by this time, have again felt the pressure of want of space. The apartment hitherto used as a lecture room in the basement was in 1825 appropriated for books. In the following year, Mr. Napier reported that further

Acquisition of
the upper hall.

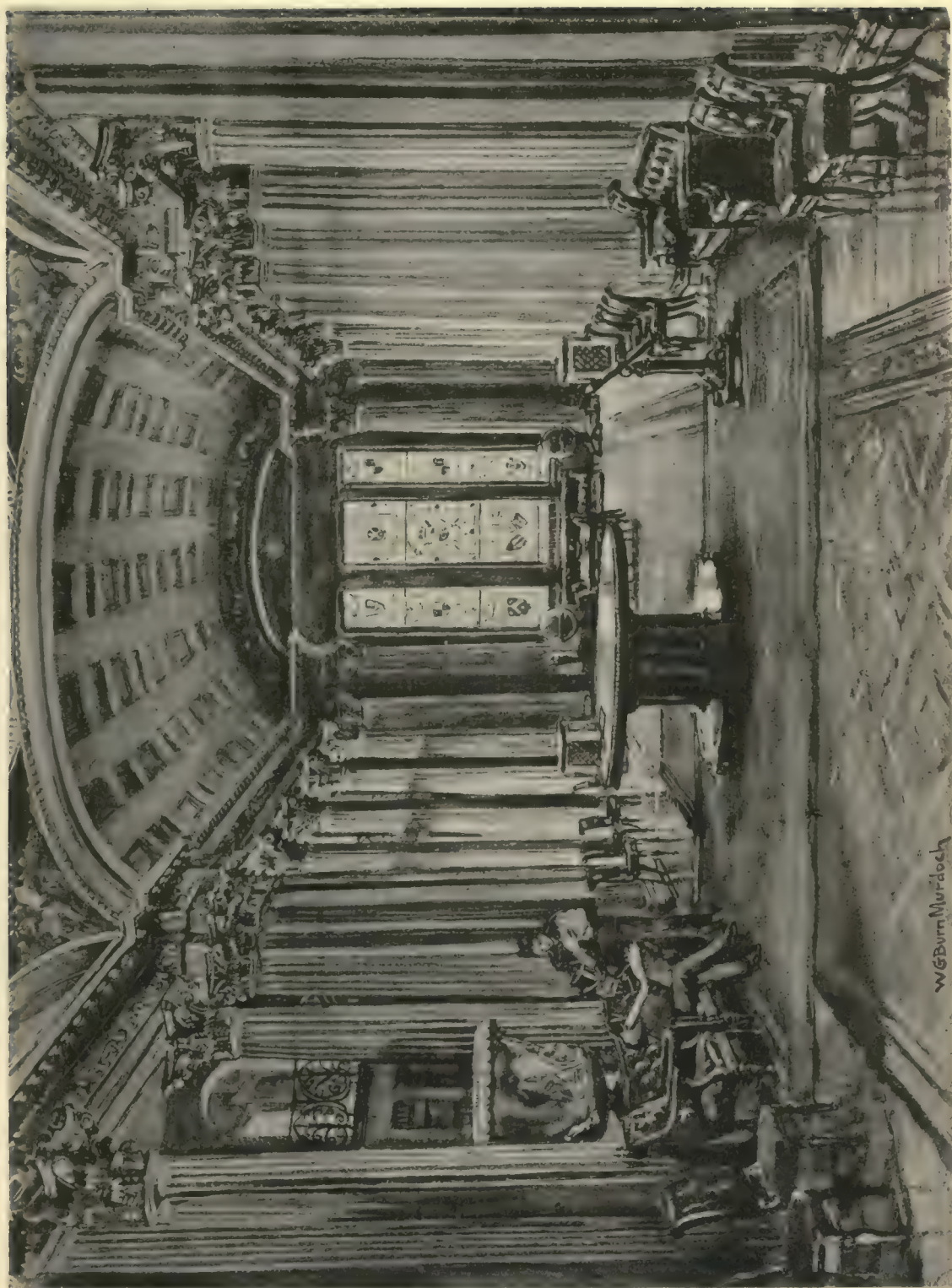
¹ "Report from the committee respecting the new hall and library, 24th November 1815."—*Jardine's Collection*, vol. ii. No. 20.

accommodation had been gained by the removal of the business of the signet office to the general register house, and he was looking forward with much satisfaction to the possession of "the noble library room lately purchased from the faculty of advocates." The room or hall referred to, occupying the floor above the signet library, formed part of the advocates' library. It was purchased by the society for the sum of £12,000 in 1826, but for a few years more the faculty of advocates retained the use of the room, paying rent to the society. In 1826, also, certain alterations were made in the lower floor or basement, and a sunk area was formed on the north side of the library. In 1829, we find Mr. Napier requiring the assistance of two sub-librarians, for (he reported), "besides the large room or hall, there are at present five apartments, one of very considerable dimensions, nearly filled with books, all of which apartments have been brought into use within the last few years. Two assistants will at least be necessary, even if not a third, when the upper hall comes into use."

Regulations for the management of the library, substantially those now in force, were at this date (1826) printed, and the librarian was instructed, that it was his duty "to attend to the selection and purchase of books, not merely the publications of the day, but all the works in the various departments of learning, ancient and modern, proper for the formation of a general library on an extensive scale." As an example of the liberal manner in which this principle was put in practice, it may be noticed that in 1832, at a meeting of the curators, it was on the suggestion of the librarian, unanimously resolved to purchase the *Cabinet du Roi* for £120, and *Humboldt's Voyages* for £160.

At last in 1833 access was obtained to the upper hall. Thirteen thousand volumes were removed to this hall. Alterations were made in the staircase leading to it, and a new communication effected with the basement floor from the east end.

About this time (1834-6), a number of portraits of eminent



UPPER HALL

W.G. Burn Murdoch

members of the college of justice were acquired by or presented to the society, and hung upon the walls of the staircase and lobby leading to the new hall.¹

The architectural features of the two halls and the rich display of literary treasures within them are described by Dr. Dibdin, who visited Edinburgh in 1837. This enthusiastic bibliographer and antiquary in characteristic language thus records his impressions on passing from the adjoining library of the faculty of advocates:—

Dr. Dibdin's
description of
the library in
1837.

"We put on our hats, and it is scarcely more than a hundred paces to the neighbouring ~~Paradise of Books~~ called the SIGNET LIBRARY. It is like 'the purple light' of Virgil's Elysian fields, after the combined darkness and narrow limits from which we have just emerged. The site as well as the approaches to the library are everything we can wish them to be. Spacious, ornamental, commodious, and replenished thickly with goodly and gorgeous tomes, the whole has an absolutely palatial air. Grandees with fur cloaks should be the inmates. But let it not be supposed that the humblest aspirant may not obtain the volume of which he is in need, and that this interior is not frequented by students, artists, and readers of every grade and description.

¹ Among these were a portrait of Hew Dalrymple, lord Drummore (d. 1755), painted by the younger Medina, and presented by Robert Menzies, W.S.; another of Patrick Grant, lord Elchies (d. 1754), painted by Allan Ramsay, and presented by Richard Mackenzie of Dolphinton, deputy keeper, and a portrait of sir James Stewart of Goodtrees, bart., lord advocate in the reigns of William and Anne, presented by Mr. John Parker, S.S.C. A little later Mr. David Laing presented a portrait of Andrew Fletcher of Milton, lord justice-clerk and keeper of the signet, painted by Allan Ramsay. The lords justice-general Hope and Boyle, at the request of the society, sat for their portraits, which were painted by sir John Watson Gordon; and in 1855 the society purchased the portrait of James Anderson, W.S., the author of *Diplomata et Numismata Scotiæ* (d. 1728), by John Vande-

brank. A portrait of Thomas Hay of Huntingdon, keeper of the signet (d. 1755), was presented by his granddaughter, Miss Hay. Two notable Raeburns also now hang on the walls—David Hume, professor of Scots law in the university of Edinburgh, afterwards one of the barons of exchequer (d. 1838), and Robert Blair of Avonton, lord justice-general, painted in 1811. The portrait of George Dallas, W.S., author of the *System of Styles* (1697) was copied from the original, in the possession of his great-grandson William Dallas, W.S., painted by sir John Medina. Mr. James T. Gibson Craig, W.S., presented the portrait of his father sir James Gibson Craig of Riccarton (d. 1850), and a bust of him by Thomas Campbell. There is also in the lobby a marble bust, by the same sculptor, of Colin Mackenzie of Portmore, deputy keeper, who died in 1832.

"One man is climbing the heights of Chimborazo in a marvelously fine set of *Humboldt's* travels: another is measuring a portion of the Coliseum in a set of *Piranesi's* works, of equal splendour and perfection: a third is lost in astonishment at the wild gambols of some savages in a proof impression of one of the plates of *De Bry*: a fourth is mounting a pyramid in *Denon's* Egypt: while yonder is an active group busied in gazing upon the statues of the Florentine and Clementine museums. Apart sits a solemn student, extracting from the lore of the *Acta Sanctorum*, in a copy of that work which had been Meerman's, and which, as far as my own experience goes, is unrivalled for ligature and condition. And then such a beautiful set of *Picart*! But this is highly irregular. My good friend, the newly appointed librarian of this collection, Mr. David Laing, stands on the landing-place of the upper room to receive me. I had first, however, surveyed the lower room. Each room is 120 feet in length;¹ and enfiladed—especially in the lower one—by two such long rows of Doric columns, so closely communicating with each other, that the effect is most singular—and certainly not in the best taste. You would fancy in a little time, that these pillars would leave their resting-places, and go down a country dance with their opposite neighbours. The upper room is as thickly studded with pillars as the lower; but they are less heavy, and fluted—of the Ionic order.² The whole effect of this upper room is exceedingly beautiful as well as novel: while the central cupola, filled with an allegorical painting by Stothard,³ adds to the lightsomeness and splendour of the interior. My last visit to

¹ The more correct measurements have been given above, p. lxxi.

² Rather, of the *Corinthian* order.

³ This painting was begun by Stothard June 4th, and finished August 1st, 1822, when the hall was in the possession of the advocates. This design, which Mrs. Bray (*Life of Thomas Stothard*, p. 166), describes as "a splendid monument of his genius," represents Apollo and the Muses in the centre, surrounded by por-

traits of orators, poets, historians and philosophers. Opposite Apollo is Demosthenes with Cicero on his right, and Herodotus and Livy on his left. The modern historians and philosophers are Hume, Robertson, Gibbon, Sir Isaac Newton, Lord Bacon, Napier of Merchiston, and Adam Smith. In the group of poets Homer occupies the centre, with Shakespeare and Burns on his right, and Milton and Virgil on his left.

this interior was in company with Macvey Napier, Esq., the late librarian; who kindly devoted the better part of an hour to give me a *précis* of its contents. The plan is admirable. No pains have been spared to render this fine collection of books of real service to the studious. Long sets of the most costly volumes—such as are beyond the means of ordinary private purses to procure—are here duly arranged—to captivate the eye and warm the heart of the tasteful. A spirit of liberality has been evinced, such as I find nowhere to the south; and if Edinburgh produce not a genuine breed of all that is good and gracious in *boke-lore*, the fault must not be laid at the doors of those to whom this magnificent and richly furnished library is intrusted.

"In the whole, there may be (as was stated to me) 40,000 volumes in this collection. The *matériel*—as I chuse to designate it—is admirable. Below, there are abundant small rooms for maps, journals, and periodicals. Here business is done. Above, the fruits of that business palpably appear. When George IV. visited Edinburgh, he was, as he well might be, struck and delighted with the beauty of the upper library. It will always have pleasing reminiscences for me: for a more friendly and gratifying hour was never spent in any library, than that which I spent here in company with its late distinguished librarian."

In 1837 Mr. Macvey Napier, having been appointed one of the principal clerks of session, resigned the office of librarian. In a letter conveying his resignation to the curators, dated April 12th, he wrote:—

Mr. Napier's
work as librarian.

"I found it a small, yet viewed with reference to its contents a valuable collection, for it had been formed chiefly by three members of the body possessing great zeal and intelligence, and no inconsiderable literary attainments and reputation, viz., Mr. John Davidson, Mr. William Tytler, and Mr. David Erskine. It has been

¹ *A Bibliographical, Antiquarian, and Picturesque Tour in the Northern Counties of England and Scotland*, by Thomas F. Dibdin, D.D. (Lond.: 1838), vol. ii. p. 600.

by following their example, in procuring books, the possession of which imparts lustre to a library, and in filling up systematically the blanks in those departments more specially interesting to a society like ours—an object which the ample funds, for many years placed at my disposal, enabled me to accomplish—that I now leave it one of the choicest and most valuable repositories of learning this part of the island possesses. No one can ever again witness or aid such changes in its progress as have occurred during the last thirty years—changes which, from an obscure, murky and dangerous neighbourhood, have placed it prominently in the public eye, in apartments every way worthy of a great society, and which form one of the ornaments of this beautiful city.”

Mr. Napier left the library with a little less than half its present number of volumes. His extensive knowledge of books, which the variety of his own literary pursuits compelled him to keep well up to date, admirably fitted him for the selection of the best works on every requisite subject. In the year of his appointment as librarian, he wrote his first article in the *Edinburgh Review*, of which in 1829, and thenceforward during its most flourishing period, he was the editor. He was also the editor of the supplement to the *Encyclopædia Britannica*, published in six volumes in 1824, and of the seventh edition, in twenty-one volumes, which first went to press in 1830. In 1816, he was made lecturer on conveyancing to the society, and continued to hold the same office when in 1824 it was converted into a professorship at the university. He died in 1846.

Mr. David Laing,
librarian, 1837.

Mr. David Laing was elected Mr. Napier's successor as librarian June 21, 1837. This illustrious scholar, who lived to edit some eighty separate works of Scottish literature and history, and obtained a European reputation as the *facile princeps* of Scottish antiquaries, was, when quite in his youth and acting as assistant to his father, William Laing, the Edinburgh bookseller—already recognised as a most genuine specimen of the old-fashioned bibliopole,

possessing "a truly wonderful degree of skill and knowledge in almost all departments of bibliography." In 1818, when in his twenty-fifth year, he was one of the candidates for the keepership of the advocates' library. In 1823, on the institution of the Bannatyne club, under the presidency of his friend sir Walter Scott, he was installed as its secretary, a post which he occupied until the dissolution of the club. In 1824, he was elected a fellow of the society of antiquaries, for which he acted for many years as foreign secretary; and there was scarcely a volume of the *Transactions* to which he was not in some measure a contributor. The testimonials which Mr. Laing brought in support of his candidature for the signet library were furnished to him by some twenty of the most eminent men of letters in England and Scotland. "Upon the strength of such testimonials," exclaimed Dr. Dibdin, "he ought to continue librarian for the next century." He in fact did so continue for forty-one years.

Unfortunately, just at the moment of Mr. Laing's appointment, the funds of the society were suffering from an unwonted depression; and for the next ten years or more, the increase of the library was by no means on a par with that in the preceding twenty. In 1857, a further restriction in the purchase of books was found to be necessary. The sum allowed for that purpose was, indeed, in one year reduced to £150. It is not therefore surprising that, a few years later, the librarian was compelled to report that the library was "falling into arrears in all departments of literature except perhaps that of law." The funds, however, before long recovered their normal condition, but the society thought fit to continue for many years a certain restriction upon the expenditure in order to form a reserve fund. Thus from 1867 to 1877, the annual amount spent on books and binding averaged no more than £298; whereas the average for the ten years 1823-1833 was £1500, reaching on one occasion a total of £4044. Yet, notwithstanding the comparative smallness of the sum at his disposal,

Depression
of funds.

Mr. Laing's unrivalled knowledge of books, especially of such as were connected with the national history and literature, enabled him, at a time when bargains could be made more easily than now, to acquire for the library many rare and precious volumes. Meanwhile, many improvements were effected in the library in other directions.

Catalogues
of library.

The curators attached great importance to the possession of complete and accessible catalogues. On Mr. Napier's accession to the office of librarian, the only available catalogue was the somewhat impracticable classified catalogue of Mr. Sandy, already described. During the period of the rapid increase of books which followed, the curators were content to print a succession of supplements to this catalogue. The first of these appeared in 1820, containing the increase of ten years, arranged alphabetically according to authors in the ordinary manner. Six years later (1826) appeared another supplement equal in bulk to the former. In 1833 Mr. Sandy's thick quarto volume was recast with an alphabetical arrangement, and reduced in size, in uniformity with the supplements, and entitled part I. In the same year a third supplement, or part IV., was printed, comprising the additions since 1826. Thus the entire catalogue was made up of four equal divisions, running through four separate alphabets. To mitigate this obvious inconvenience an index to the whole was immediately projected by Mr. Shiells, one of the assistant librarians; but this was not completed and printed until 1837, shortly after Mr. Napier's resignation. This index, occupying 282 pages quarto in double columns, though primarily occasioned by the accident of the quadruple form of the general catalogue, was, in fact, an elaborate subject-index on a scale seldom before attempted, and it proved to be of the greatest practical value long after the general or authors' catalogue, to which it was appended, had ceased to be in common use.

No new catalogues were attempted for more than twenty years. But in 1849 the society authorised a grant of £150 a year towards the expenses of preparing and printing a new general catalogue.

This was completed in manuscript, occupying fifteen folio volumes, by the end of 1855. In the meanwhile there was a project of printing a series of classified catalogues of the library in sections. Mr. William Ivory, W.S., undertook the department of law, Mr. Andrew Murray, W.S., was to compile a catalogue of the works on natural history and science, and Mr. Laing was himself engaged upon the class of British antiquities and topography. Mr. Ivory's labours alone issued in a successful result. On his recommendation the collection of civil law and foreign jurisprudence was very much enlarged, and his classified catalogue, enriched with historical and critical notes, was fairly adjudged to be the best arranged law catalogue then in existence. It was now resolved to print the general or authors' catalogue. The first sheets were sent to the press in 1865, and the first volume (A—L) was completed and circulated in 1871. Before the printing of the second volume had advanced further than the letter N, Mr. Laing died, October 18, 1878.

The present librarian, Mr. Thomas Graves Law was elected March 24, 1879. The curators took the opportunity of his appointment to reaffirm the principle laid down in 1853, that "the funds of the society should be applied to procuring such books as are absolutely necessary for a public library, such as systematic treatises useful for reference and consultation, and particularly those books on history, philosophy, the arts and sciences, of an expensive description, which are not generally to be found in private libraries." Instructions were also given to the librarian that the blanks which had occurred in these departments, owing to the recent limitation of the funds, should be gradually and systematically filled up.

Mr. T. G. Law,
librarian.

Over 1800 volumes lying unbound were sent to the binder. The general catalogue was then proceeded with. The second volume, with a supplement, was issued early in 1883. Meanwhile, an inventory or shelf list was taken of all the books as they stood in their presses, and a slip catalogue made of a collection of 20,000

pamphlets, which, on Mr. Laing's plan, had not been entered in the general catalogue; and finally, a subject-index was compiled on the lines of Mr. Shiells' index of 1837. This index is now passing through the press, and when issued will be accompanied by a second supplement containing the accessions to the library since 1882.

Comparative
view of the
signet library.

The library which has thus grown up out of the resolution of the society in 1778, and which now takes rank with the chief public libraries of the United Kingdom, is yet essentially a private library. It is spoken of as a public library, only inasmuch as the society has at all times offered to strangers every reasonable access to its treasures. A view of its relation to other institutions of the kind may therefore be of interest. In Scotland it is surpassed in size and value by only five libraries, viz., those of the faculty of advocates and the four universities. These ancient foundations have had the privilege and advantage derived from the copyright act, which entitled them to receive without payment copies of every book entered at Stationers'-hall; and the universities which no longer possess this right have had it commuted for an annual grant of money from the public funds. The signet library, again, is outnumbered in volumes by, perhaps, a dozen libraries in London, by two in Cambridge, by the Bodleian in Oxford, and by Trinity College library in Dublin. But outside of London and the universities, it is surpassed only by the new free libraries, supported by the rates, in such large towns as Liverpool, Manchester, Birmingham, Leeds, and possibly Sheffield and Salford. But, on the other hand, the signet library, although it has had from time to time some valuable gifts from authors, editors, or private friends, has never received a single grant of money or books from public sources. It possesses no endowment. It has been raised from first to last without any extraneous aid, by the annual income of the society, the fees of intrants, and the contributions of members. It may be safely said that no other professional community—whether legal, medical, or ecclesiastical—no scientific academy or society, in the whole of the

United Kingdom can point to a collection of equal dimensions formed by similar means.

The story of the library thus far may be said to end, as it began, with the struggles of its curators to provide room for its healthy and inevitable growth. A library which ceases to grow soon becomes a collection of curiosities, interesting mainly to the antiquary. Old books are useful and profitable in proportion as they can be brought into contact with the newest and freshest. During the last ten years room has had to be found for as many thousands of volumes, while vacant corners and cellars in the basement, for lack of better accommodation, have been fitted up with shelves for their reception. But, as the laudable ambition and enterprise which have founded and enriched the collection show no sign of abatement, the signet library has yet a promising future, and this brief sketch tells but the first chapter of its history.

CHAPTER III.

THE FINANCES.

THE materials for the financial history of the society before the close of the last century are comparatively meagre and intermittent. The accounts of the treasurers of a date earlier than 1793 have not been preserved, and prior to that time the facts have to be gathered from information incidentally supplied in the minutes.

Sources of
income.

Fines.

For more than a hundred years after the commencement of the existing minutes (1594), the society possessed neither library nor house; and the calls upon its funds appear to have been almost exclusively in aid of indigent and infirm members, or the widows of members. A main source of the income of those days arose from the fines levied upon members for transgressions of the rules of the brotherhood. Some of these fines have been already referred to in the first chapter.¹ Thus, a fine of forty shillings was exacted from all members who neglected to attend meetings of the society when called upon to do so by the officer, and the money in this case, as in other instances, is expressly set apart *ad pios usus*.² There was a fine of ten shillings imposed, in January 1606, for not delivering "ane copie of their servandis and prenteis hand writtis." The sum of five pounds was to be paid by any writer found drinking in taverns in time of session. It was in 1647 that the noteworthy rule was made, imposing a fine of 12s. upon any writer who should absent himself from the burial of another member, his wife or children. In 1610 George Mak was appointed to pass through the brethren's booths "and tak tryall quhat enormities and contraventionis are committed against the actis, and to report monthly, under the pain of 40s. each month."

¹ *Supra*, p. xxiv. ² Abstract of minutes, *infra*, p. 230; compare pp. 244, 247, 254, 270, 277.

Other sums were derived from the dues paid by apprentices and intrants. These payments varied in amount from time to time.¹ On 23d June 1628 John Tais was bound for three years and paid "an angel." There are entries of payments for apprentices of £3 : 6 : 8 each, in the same year; and of ten merks in 1642, 1649, and 1658. In 1656 it was resolved that each writer should on his admission pay ten merks. This sum was in the following year raised to twenty merks, and in 1671 each intrant had to pay "fourtie merks Scots money to the poores box and twentie merks to the clerk."

Dues of apprentices and intrants.

It is obvious that the sums accumulated from such sources at this period can never have been large. In 1594, as we have already seen,² the number of members was expressly restricted to 24; and half a century later, during the Protectorate, it was similarly limited to 36. After that date, indeed, as the keeper in a memorial addressed to the secretaries of state, complained, the society increased "immoderately," so that in 1731 their number had reached 110; but the increase was "to the great loss of the whole body, for half the members could not possibly live upon their incomes, and hence a larger proportion of aged and infirm brethren was brought to depend upon the society's funds for maintenance."³

The "poores box" above mentioned is frequently referred to in the minutes, and was treated with some formality. This box was in the hands of the clerk, and was used for keeping the funds as well as the securities for money lent, at least up to 1692. Thus, on the 3d December 1616,⁴ the application of Andro Hamilton "for some help and supplie to his grite necessitie, and as he that sumtyme had servit sum of the brethren," was read and considered, and the whole brethren voted twenty pounds "out of certane money that wes in ane box of tymmer of thairs in the handis of Thomas M'Aulay thair clerk, upon condition that the said Andrew should not trouble the members with "ony forder sute in tyme cuming";

Box for funds.

¹ *Infra*, pp. 246, 252, 253, 256, 269, 272, 277, 281, 313, 329, 330, 334, 366, 370.

² *Supra*, p. xxii.

³ *Infra*, pp. 289-392.

⁴ *Infra*, p. 250.

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and upon a similar application made in August 1618 by Mr. Adam Hall, who had been some time "ane advocat and sua ane brother," the Commissioners agreed to give him £20, "as the rest of sum money in ane tymmer box." In 1627 there was apparently need of another box, for on the 24th December in that year it was agreed "to have a box for the fines and unlaws "with two keys, one to be held by the keeper of the register and the other by Robert Alschinder, keeper of the signet;" and in June following there is record of "20 merks debursit for making of the box." On the same day, in presence of the commissioners the "unlaws" of George Haliburton, Robert Wallace, and David Crichton, amounting to £9, 16s., were put in the box.

Appointment of
a treasurer.

It was not until 1656 that a treasurer was annually appointed "for keeping the box and employing the money on sufficient security in his own name for the weill of the body." The president now held one key, and the treasurer the other; while the box was to be opened and the money employed only by the advice of the commissioners. The treasurer soon needed yet another box, and one of a more expensive character, for he reports in 1667 that he "had bocht ane box with locks and bands for the use of the calling at the sight of the keeper of his majesties signet, and that he had payde therefoire fourtie-two pounds two shillings."¹

Auditors.

Committees were from time to time appointed as auditors to "sicht the box," or to "take tryall of the box and conditions thair of and bandis and assignatiounis thairin contenit, and to report to the bretherne." One such committee reports (January 9, 1647) that it finds, with various securities, an assignation by the late Thomas M'Awlay to the brethren of a bond of 1000 merks granted to him by the laird of Kilspindie, "bot findis not the bande." They find other assignations, one of 500 merks and another of 350, but in each case "missis the band." The bonds, however,

¹ This is probably the box which is still preserved in the library, and which is figured at the end of this section. In an abstract of accounts there appears an entry, "Old boxes sold, £9, 2s. 6d."

were ultimately recovered. The committee find no money in the box save two new dollars and some notes, whereof £89 Scots are bestowed "on pious uses."

On April 30th, 1683, a report upon James Allan's accounts shows charge and ready money £738, 13s. 4d, discharge £725, 6s. 8d.; "the balance due by the comptur £13, 6s. 8d." On March 14th, 1688, the auditors find that there is due to the society, of good debts £6231, 17s. 2d. (Scots), and of bad debts £1614, 5s. The yearly pension to the poor, servants' fees, and occasional charitable supplies, are stated at £677.

In August 1695 the society took an important step which marks a new departure in its financial as well as in its social history. The increase in the number of pensioners required an augmentation of the funds for their relief. A previous act exacting payment from members of £3 annually for this purpose had proved for the most part ineffectual. It was now proposed that the society should purchase a house to serve as signet office and place of meeting. The price of this house was to be contributed "out of the wryters their own private pockets" and every writer was to give at least 100 merks in lieu of the aforesaid annual subscription of £3; or, otherwise he and his posterity were to be "for ever excluded the benefite of the poore box, except such as shall be excused by the body of the writers; and in case this sum should fall short of the price of the house, the present stock of the poor be made use of to supply what shall be wanting." The annual rent of the house was to be paid into the poor's fund. There was said to be a building "by Robert Milne of Alexander Crombie's land," where a convenient house of the kind might be secured, and it was agreed to convene a general meeting the next day in the parliament house to consider the motion.

Accordingly, on August 15th, 1695, a committee was appointed to meet with Robert Mylne and Patrick Steele, to treat with them anent the purchase of the house. Finally the house in question was acquired for the sum of 5500 merks; and the keeper, commissioners,

Acquisition of
signet office.

and writers approving of the transaction (June 1696), appoint the contributions to be paid to the treasurer before Candlemas next, and determine that those who do not contribute shall continue to pay the previous tax of £3 annually and have their letters stopped until their bygone dues are paid. The commissioners now let to the keeper this same "lodging with its cellars and garrets" for the current year at 300 merks, seeing that the house is not fully furnished, and for subsequent years at a rent of £20 sterling. In the same year (1696) John M'Farlane, the treasurer, reports that the stock belonging to the calling extends to "about twelve thousand merks or thereby, by and attour the pryce of the lodgings lately bought by them."

Grants of pensions.

In 1706 the pensions granted by the society are stated at £699 (omitting shillings and pence). In 1711 the treasurer is ordered to pay "the new establishment of pensions," £943. The distribution to the poor in 1738 is set down at £850; in 1742 at £950; in 1744 at £1416; in the following year at £1404; while in 1746 it had fallen to £1176 Scots. On 27th December 1759 it was agreed to augment the pensions to widows to £12 sterling each, and on 8th March 1765 they were advanced to £20 sterling; but it does not appear how many widows were then on the roll.

While, however, the funds of the society were hitherto mainly devoted to the relief of poor members and their families, means had been found to contribute largely, as has been stated,¹ to other benevolent and patriotic objects.

Library fund.

Meanwhile, a new and heavy demand upon the resources of the society arose from the establishment of the library, of which an account is given in the preceding chapter. It was soon found necessary to institute a separate library fund, supported mainly by payments exacted from apprentices and intrants. The entrance fee of writers had in 1736 been fixed at 500 merks. In 1755 it was resolved that each intrant should pay three guineas towards the

¹ Pages liv, lv, lvi.

purchase of books, and in 1769 this tax was raised to £20 sterling. In 1779 apprentices paid £5 to the library in part payment of the £10 to be paid by intrants.

The end of the eighteenth century found the society still occupying a comparatively small house (notwithstanding sundry additions made to the original lodging acquired in 1696), and possessing a library of little more than 3000 volumes, in Writers' Court. The funds of the society had, however, considerably increased, and from 1792 we have full information regarding its financial transactions in the occasional abstracts and reports printed by order.¹

For example, we find that in this year 1792 the society possessed Funds in 1792. from the poor's fund an income of £825. Thus :

Money lent on securities to the amount of	
£9921 bore as interest,	£494 14 8
An annuity payable by the trustees of	
John Strachan of Craigcrook, ²	5 11 0
The rent of the signet office,	20 0 0
Rent of a house in Gavinloch's land belong-	
ing to the society,	14 0 0
Carry forward,	£534 5 8

¹ They will be found in the collection of signet papers formed by sir Henry Jardine and others, and now preserved in the library. See :—

Abstract of funds of the society of writers to the signet, for ten years from 1st January 1792 to 1st January 1802 (Jardine's Collection, vol. i.).

Report from the committee respecting the new hall and library, 24th November 1815.

Supplementary report, 5th December 1815 (Jardine, vol. ii.).

Report of the committee on the new hall and library, 1st February 1816.

Abstract of the accounts of the intromissions of the late Richard Hotchkiss, ex-treasurer, etc., with library fund of the society, and view of the tangible fund of the library, 1806-1826 (Jardine, iii.).

Abstract of accounts of the intromissions of Richard Mackenzie, treasurer, 1826-1829 (Jardine, iii.).

Report of committee on the funds of the society (1830), with appendix on the state of the income and expenditure of the general fund, 1823-1829 (Jardine, iv.).

Abstract of accounts, December 1829-December 1833 (Jardine, iv.).

Report of the committee on funds, 21st January 1836 (Jardine, iv.).

Report on the funds of the society and of the contributors to the widows' fund, June 17th 1835 (Jardine, iv.).

Extract from minutes of the meeting of the united committees on funds and the library, with memorials and queries for the treasurer of the society, 6th February 1824 (folio collection).

Report of the curators of the library and committee on funds, 1857 (Reports, 8vo collection).

² See *supra*, p. lviii.

Brought forward,	£534	5	8
Dividends from Edinburgh friendly insurance company on the society's property, insured on the old plan,	6	19	3½
Dues from eight intrants at £27, 15s. 7d., . .	222	4	8
„ „ forty-four indentures at £1,	44	0	0
„ „ eighteen clerks entered at the signet office, who had not paid before as apprentices,	18	0	0
	£825	9	8½

The Expenditure included—

Salary of treasurer,	£5	0	0
„ „ his clerks,	10	10	0
Society's extractor,	15	0	0
Officer,	10	0	0
Hall-keeper,	4	0	0
Fees to officers,	18	15	4
Interest to Aberdour hospital,	20	0	0
Pension to three brethren at £30,	90	0	0
Three-fourths of another,	22	10	0
Pensions to nine widows at £25,	225	0	0
Allowance to families and relations per warrant,	414	0	0
Miscellaneous articles,	15	11	0
	£857	6	5

The amount of library fund at same date was, £1363, 2s. 3½d.

The Income consisted of—

Dues paid by eight intrants at £5,	£40	0	0
Dues paid by forty-three apprentices, at £10, . .	430	0	0
Interest,	10	18	1½
	£480	18	1½

The discharge consisted of cash paid for books, etc., £230, 8s. 5d.

A notable event in connection with the financial history of the society was the arrangement made in 1809 by which the society agreed to erect, in the Parliament Square, the present lower hall and adjoining apartments on the same floor, for the estimated sum of £5000. To raise the money it was resolved to sell the old tenement (which was eventually done for £1600) and to borrow the remainder from the poor's or general fund. The interest of the sum so borrowed was paid, as before mentioned, by an annual contribution of one guinea from each member.¹

The new library
buildings in
Parliament
Square.

The new buildings were not completed till 1815, when the actual expenditure had so far exceeded the estimated cost as to amount to not less than £12,000.

A committee appointed to consider the state of the finances reported, in November 1815, that the existing revenue applicable to the support of the library at this time arose from the £20 fee paid by apprentices, from the annual tax of a guinea which gave £300, and from the tax on precepts passing the signet,² which averaged £60. The apprentice sum payable was now raised from £20 to £50. There had been on an average, during the preceding six years, forty-five apprentices admitted annually. The committee, assuming that there would be at least forty in future years, set down £2000 a year as a moderate estimate of the income to be expected from this source alone. The expenditure upon books had been in 1809, £450, and in 1814, £682. It was hoped that

¹ See *supra*, p. lxxiv.

² The first recorded instance in the minutes of the society exercising the right of levying extra dues or taxes on letters passing the signet was on 12th February 1753, in reference to a proposal to erect offices for the custom house and clerks of session, in which the society was to have a hall rent free. It was unanimously agreed to contribute 500 guineas towards the expense and to raise the amount "by a tax at the signet of one penny sterling upon each horning, sixpence upon each suspension or ad-

vocation, and five shillings upon each signature passing the signet." But as the building contemplated was not proceeded with, probably the tax at the signet was not levied. In the "account of the future management of the society's stock, 16th January 1744" (*Jardine Papers*, vol. i.), the keeper and commissioners state that "a considerable part of the present public stock and fund have arisen from a voluntary tax imposed by a general meeting of the whole body on letters and others passing the signet, which tax still subsists."

the increased revenues would admit of an additional expenditure of £300.

Financial
difficulties.

Before, however, many years had passed the society found itself in the presence of serious difficulties. The pressure upon both the poor's fund and the library fund was more than these could well support. The act of parliament, instituting the widows' scheme, required payment from the society of the sum of one pound for each contributor to the scheme. This annual charge in 1804 amounted to £200, but in 1829 it had risen to £581, while the total amount paid from the commencement to 1830 was £9000. Moreover, notwithstanding these contributions to the widows' fund, large sums continued to be awarded by the society to deserving works of charity both within and without the brotherhood. Thus in the six years from 1806 to 1813, while the annual contribution to the widows' scheme amounted to £1715, the pensions granted reached a total of £1698, and gratuities awarded by warrants of the committee reached a further sum of £1336. Yet in 1812 the society gave £200 towards the charity workhouse, and in 1824 the sum of £273 to the relief of sufferers from the fire which took place in the Parliament Square on November 16th of that year. In 1832 another sum of £315 was contributed towards the charity workhouse.

On the other hand, with regard to the library fund, the increase of books involved increase of accommodation, and in 1828 it was agreed to purchase from the faculty of advocates the upper hall for the sum of £12,000.¹ Necessary alterations in the staircase and in the area of the buildings about the same time brought up the total to £14,616. In addition to this large expenditure there fell upon the society in 1834 a loss of £1545 by a failure of bankers.

Further
difficulties.

It should be mentioned that meanwhile the interest due from the library to the poor's fund was, in 1824, £548, 7s. 1d. The number of members liable to the annual subscription of a guinea towards its payment was 443, and this left the debt £80 in excess

¹ See *supra*, p. lxxvi.

of the contribution. Another change was, in consequence, made in the mode of raising the requisite sum. Intrants henceforth were to pay on admission, in lieu of the annual guinea, £10, and apprentices £10 on entering into indenture, while existing members liable to the tax were invited to commute it for £5, 5s.

Before matters had come to the worst, a special committee, in 1830, had recommended an addition of £30 to be made to the fee of apprentices, and £22, 4s. 5d. be added to the payments made by intrants. These augmentations, which were approved by the society, brought the total of dues payable by intrants to £60, at which they still remain. The dues from apprentices were once more raised in 1842, when they became what they now are, £131, 1s. The committee of 1830 calculated that the additions recommended by them "would yield a total increase in the annual income of the society of £1133, 8s., and that there would be an annual surplus of about £800." The committee at the same time urged the amalgamation of the poor and library funds, the separation of which had caused complication and inconvenience. The union of the two funds was carried out in 1834.

Recommendation
by committee on
funds.

Nevertheless the sanguine expectations of 1830 were not realised. In 1835 the ordinary funds were unable to meet the demands for the annual contribution to the widows' fund, being £672; and, as the result of a petition from the collector of that fund, parliament (6 Will. IV. c. 22) relieved the society from the burden, which in another form was placed upon the apprentices. There was still no sufficient revenue independently of the dues from apprentices and intrants, and these dues, the annual total of which had always been subject to embarrassing fluctuations, now unfortunately underwent for a series of years a considerable diminution. In the six years 1824-1829 there had been 261 apprentices indentured and 219 intrants. In the six years from 1838 to 1843 there were on the other hand no more than 58 new apprentices and 44 intrants. In the ten years from 1824 to 1833 the receipts from their dues respectively amounted to

£41,522. In the ten years from 1838 to 1847 they had dropped to £15,269. Finally, in the three years 1855-7, there was an excess of expenditure over income to the amount of £2320; and now, once more (1857) a special committee was appointed to consider and advise upon the state of affairs.¹ The extreme measure of cutting down the expenditure on books to £150 a year was resorted to with reluctance, and on all sides the most rigid economy was practised. There was a deficit in 1859, again in 1860, and for the last time in 1869, when an outlay of £1455 was considered necessary for painting, repairs, and furniture; but with these exceptions, from 1857 to the present time, the income has always exceeded the expenditure.

Increase of
intrants.

The number of intrants had indeed begun to increase a few years before 1857. The cause of the increase was perhaps in part the falling off in the number of members, which in 1836 had reached the high figure of 707. In 1844 it had fallen to 662, and in 1858 to 523. In 1885 the number was 366. The recent increase in the number of apprentices and intrants is remarkable. For, during the years from 1862 to 1874 there were 168 apprentices indentured and 118 intrants; in the same number of years, from 1876 to 1888, there were 301 apprentices and 187 intrants. Accordingly the funds of the society showed a rapid and marked improvement.

Financial
improvement.

On 17th November 1862 it was reported that the whole debts of the society had been paid, and in 1868 the sum of £1500 was lent on debenture. In 1871 a further sum of £1000 was invested, while the free funds were £7468, and these continued to increase, until at 31st December 1889 they amounted to £44,886, 4s. 9d.

In this last year the income derived from interests and dividends was £1342, 9s. 11d., while the receipts from dues of intrants and apprentices were £4585, 2s. The total expenditure, on the other hand, including £959, 19s. 3d. for books and binding, was £4167, 10s. 7d.

¹ Report of the curators of the library and committee on funds, 1857, 8vo.

CHAPTER IV.

THE WIDOWS' FUND.

THE idea of instituting a widows' fund for the society of writers to the signet originated in 1780. Various plans for the establishment of such a fund were then suggested by the Rev. Dr. Alexander Webster, the founder of the ministers' widows' fund of the church of Scotland, Mr. William Keith, Mr. William Farquharson, and Mr. David Russell, accountants, Edinburgh, and others.

In 1780 life-assurance was but little known in Scotland, the great Scottish insurance offices, which have since proved so successful, not having been instituted until early in this century. Hence, in 1780 it was difficult to obtain anything like accurate data as to rates of mortality, etc., in Scotland, on which to base a scheme for such an institution as a widows' fund.

The church of Scotland's ministers' widows' fund had, it is true, been in operation since 1744, but the data which its experience could supply were insufficient to form a basis on which to found a widows' fund for this society. The matter was therefore, after considerable discussion among the members, allowed for the time to drop.

The agitation, however, caused some members to note for their own information particulars as to the annual number of intrants to the society, of the marriages and deaths of members, of the number of widows left, of the deaths of these widows, and of other statistics regarding the society.

In 1801, the proposal for a widows' fund was again revived, principally owing to Mr. John Campbell, tertius, W.S., who took a great interest in the matter, and who, from observations concerning the society, collected between 1781 and 1801, as well as from

the information afforded by the "Northampton tables" of mortality, which had then been recently published, and from the experience of the ministers' widows' fund, had prepared a detailed scheme for the establishment of a widows' fund for the society of writers to the signet.

January 1802.

The subject was now taken up seriously. In January 1802, Mr. William Keith, who had been consulted in 1780, and his partner, Mr. Robert Wilson, made a joint report on Mr. Campbell's scheme, and after very careful consideration it was finally determined, at a meeting of the society held on 7th February 1803, that a widows' fund for the writers to the signet should be instituted, and the meeting accordingly authorised the deputy keeper of the signet (Mr. Hugh Warrender) "to sign a petition to the house of commons for leave to bring in a bill for the establishment of a widows' scheme."

July 4, 1803,
48 George III.
chapter 107.

The promoters of the scheme forming a great majority of the society, soon obtained the necessary act of parliament, "for raising and securing a fund for making provision for the widows of the writers to his majesty's signet in Scotland."

By this act the requisite funds for the scheme were to be raised as follows:—

- (1) Members were to pay yearly £6, 6s. by way of annual contribution to the fund.
- (2) A marriage tax of £10 was to be levied on each marriage of original contributors, and an equalising tax of £1, 10s. was to be payable for each year that the age of the contributor might exceed that of his wife.
- (3) The sum of £1 per annum for each contributor was to be paid to the widows' fund out of the society's common fund.
- (4) A tax of £20 was to be paid by every apprentice entering into indenture with a writer to the signet; and
- (5) A tax of £1, 1s. was to be paid by members of the society for every clerk they enrolled at the signet office.

The annuity to be paid to widows of contributors was fixed at £50 (no annuity, however, was to be paid until the term of Whitsunday 1807), but whenever the accumulated funds should amount to a capital of £200 for every contributor to the scheme, the surplus was to be divided among the widows entitled to annuities.

The adoption of the act by the then existing members of the society was optional; but of the 295 members 194 acceded to the scheme, and became contributors to its funds. Of these acceding members 115 were married men. By the act it was made imperative on future members to contribute to the fund.

The assumption on which the scheme proceeded was that a capital of £200 for every contributor was sufficient to secure an annuity of £50 to each of the maximum number of widows which could come on the fund—and that such a capital sum per member would be many years in accumulating. It was found, however, within a very few years after the passing of the act, that the funds were accumulating much faster than had been anticipated, and they continued so to increase for many years.

In 1817 it became apparent that the fund would in a few years amount to the calculated sum of £200 of capital for each member. Moreover, as the clause (section 12) in the act, which provided for the surplus beyond that amount of capital being divided among the annuitants, would then come into operation, it was felt that a complete investigation into the affairs of the fund should be made, and the actual experience of the fund compared with the contingencies which had been calculated for. Mr. John Campbell, W.S., who, as already mentioned, was one of the original promoters of the scheme, again gave much consideration to the affairs of the fund. On 24th November 1817 he called the attention of the contributors to the injury which might be done to the fund if section 12 of the act (the clause which disposed of surplus above a capital of £200 per member) were allowed to come

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March 9, 1818. into operation. A committee was appointed to inquire into the matter, and Mr. John Scott and Mr. William Keith, accountants in Edinburgh, were asked to report on Mr. Campbell's statement. These inquiries resulted in its being determined to obtain an amendment of the act of parliament.

May 23, 1818. In the following May the act 58 George III. cap. 74 was passed :—

- (1) Repealing the clause in the old act whereby any surplus over a capital of £200 per contributor was to be paid to the annuitants on the Fund.
- (2) Abolishing the £1, 1s. tax on clerks enrolled at the Signet Office.
- (3) Providing for an additional payment by intrants over twenty-four years of age of a sum equal to half the rates and interest thereon which they would have paid had they become contributors at that age, and half the annual interest on marriage and equalising taxes from the date of marriage when the intrant was already married.
- (4) Providing for certain increased annuities to the widows then on the fund, and for increasing the capital of the fund towards ensuring permanency to the scheme for additional annuities.

May 1823. In May 1823 Mr. James Scott reported that the fund then amounted, as had been anticipated, to more than £200 for each of the 437 contributors to the scheme; and, accordingly, in terms of the last-mentioned act, the annuities were increased, as at Whitsunday 1824, to £70 to the widows who had been on the fund at the passing of that act, and £60 to the other annuitants.

October 31, 1828. No further change in the fund's affairs took place until 1828, when it was determined to obtain further reports from skilled actuaries as to the position of the fund, and these were accordingly

obtained from Mr. James Cleghorn, actuary and accountant, Edinburgh, and Mr. James Scott, accountant, who had formerly investigated the affairs of the fund. The reports of these gentlemen, and the experience of the fund since its institution, suggested several improvements in the scheme with reference to both its principles and the mode of management to be adopted for protecting the fund, and for securing adequate annuities to the widows, and it was felt that a new act of parliament was required to place the scheme on a satisfactory basis. Nothing definite, however, was done towards this until 1830, when the contributors resolved to apply for a new act of parliament. This was obtained in the following year, and the act 1 and 2 William IV. cap. 5, with the slight modification aftermentioned, continues to regulate the affairs of the fund at the present day.

The act of 1831, while repealing the prior acts, 43 George III. cap. 107, and 58 George III. cap. 64, was practically a consolidation act, and varied from these acts only in the following financial enactments:—

1. Intrants above 24 years of age, when becoming contributors to the fund, were to pay the *full* rate which they would have paid to the fund had they become contributors at that age, instead of the half rate formerly exigible.

2. The equalising tax payable on marriages was raised from £1, 10s. for each year the contributor was older than his wife, to £3, 10s. for each such year on *first* marriages, and a higher rate, varying according to the age of the contributor, on second and any subsequent marriages.

At the general meeting of contributors held on 17th June June 17, 1835. 1835, the collector of the fund reported that he had as usual applied to the treasurer for payment of £672, being the sum due from the common fund of the society, viz., £1, for each of the 672 contributors to the fund at Whitsunday 1835, in terms of section 13 of the act of 1 and 2 William IV. cap. 5, when

June 17, 1835.

the treasurer had informed him that, owing to the annual income of the common fund having become insufficient to defray the necessary annual burdens thereon, he could not pay the sum due to the widows' fund without the special orders of the society. This led to a committee of contributors being appointed to confer with the trustees of the widows' fund, the curators of the library, and the society's committee on funds, and to report to the contributors what in the circumstances was best to be done. The inquiry resulted in a petition to parliament, craving leave to bring in a bill to amend the act 1 and 2 William IV. cap. 5.

March 7, 1836.

In the following May the required act was obtained (6 Will. IV. cap. 22), by which the fifteenth clause in 1 and 2 William IV. cap. 5, which enacted that the sum of £1 for each contributor to the widows' fund should be paid to that fund out of the common fund of the society, was repealed, and it was enacted *inter alia* that—

- (1) Apprentices entering in future into indentures with writers to the signet should pay a tax of £30, in addition to the £20 payable under the prior act, making the apprentice tax in all £50; and
- (2) The annuity payable to the widows on the fund was raised to £75 per annum.

The act 1 and 2 William IV. cap. 5, as amended by the act 6 William IV. cap. 22, now regulates the affairs of the fund, under the direction of the trustees, who are the deputy keeper of the signet for the time *ex officio*, and six members of the society elected by the contributors, assisted by the collector, who has hitherto always been a member of the society, and who is annually elected by the contributors. The office of trustee is honorary. The collector is the only salaried official, he having the practical management of the fund, including the collection of its income and payment of the annuities to the widows of deceased contributors.

Although the election of the collector is annual, the office has been practically *ad vitam aut culpam*, for although the fund has

now been in existence for eighty-six years there have only been five collectors, viz :—

Mr. (afterwards) sir Adam Ferguson, from 1803 to 1806; Mr. Francis Napier, from 1806 to 1818; Mr. James Stuart, from 1818 to 1828; Mr. Walter Cook, from 1828 to 1861; and Mr. John Cook, who has held the office since 1861.

The accumulated funds at Whitsunday 1890 amounted to £232,783, 6s. 7d.

The annual contribution payable by contributors is £6, 6s. 7d., while the annuity to widows of deceased contributors is presently fixed at £80.

The *maximum* number of annuitants ever on the fund occurred at Whitsunday 1882, when there were 175 annuitants, but the number has since steadily decreased, and was 140 at Whitsunday 1890. The *maximum* number of contributors was reached at Whitsunday 1840, when the number was 685. The *minimum* number of contributors occurred at Whitsunday 1884, when it was 368. Since then the number of contributors has been increasing, and at Whitsunday 1890 it was 441.

The main cause of the prosperity of the fund at first was apparently the comparatively low rate of marriage among the contributors, and the consequent smaller number of annuitants coming on the fund. On the other hand, the members have not on the average attained their expectation of life, while the annuitants have considerably exceeded it.

The affairs of the fund are periodically investigated at intervals of seven years, in terms of sections 33 and 34 of the act 1 and 2 William IV. cap. 5, and the results of these investigations are duly reported to the contributors by the trustees, who conduct the inquiry with the assistance of an actuary. The rate of annuity to be paid to widows of contributors for the ensuing period of seven years is raised or reduced as the investigation shows to be expedient. The amount of the annuity has thus varied considerably since the

commencement of the fund. It began at £50 per annum, and was from time to time increased, till in 1866 it was raised to £90 per annum, at which rate it continued till 1887, when, on account of the low rate of interest, it was reduced on the recommendation of the reporter who conducted the septennial investigation to £80, the present rate.

The following septennial investigations have taken place since the act of 1831 :—

- In 1837 by Mr. James Cleghorn, accountant.
- In 1844 by Mr. Holmes Ivory, accountant.
- In 1851 by Mr. Holmes Ivory, accountant.
- In 1858 by Mr. Kenneth Mackenzie, C.A., F.F.A.
- In 1865 by Mr. Kenneth Mackenzie, C.A., F.F.A.
- In 1872 by Mr. Kenneth Mackenzie, C.A., F.F.A., and Mr.
William Thomas Thomson, F.R.S.E.
- In 1879 by Mr. Adam Gillies Smith, C.A.
- In 1886 by Mr. John MacGregor M'Candlish, W.S., F.R.S.E.,
F.F.A.

A table is annexed showing the progress of the fund as regards the numbers of contributors and annuitants, the amount of the accumulated funds, etc., from the commencement of the scheme to Whitsunday 1890 :—

STATE showing some particulars as to the progress of the Widows' Fund from Martinmas 1803 to Whitsunday 1890 inclusive.

Year.	Contributors.	Annuitants.	Annuity.	Fund.	Increase.	Decrease.	Rate of Interest on Heritable Securities	
							Whitsunday.	Martinmas.
1803	194	0	No Annuity payable till Whitsunday 1807.	No Accounts.	...	...	...	...
1804	200	0		No Accounts.	...	...	...	...
1805	203	1		£7,822	...	...	...	...
1806	209	3		10,361	£2,539	...	...	...
1807	216	4		13,126	2,765	...	...	...
1808	224	7	£50 0 0	15,981	2,855	...	5	5
1809	237	9	50 0 0	19,153	3,172	...	5	5
1810	243	12	50 0 0	22,348	3,195	...	5	5
1811	252	11	50 0 0	25,686	3,338	...	5	5
1812	260	12	50 0 0	29,638	3,952	...	5	5
1813	280	18	50 0 0	33,309	3,671	...	5	5
1814	288	20	50 0 0	36,981	3,672	...	5	5
1815	297	23	50 0 0	40,950	3,969	...	5	5
1816	310	27	50 0 0	44,878	3,928	...	5	5
1817	319	28	50 0 0	49,142	4,264	...	5	5
1818	342	31	{ £50, £55, £60 & 65 0 0 }	60,753	11,611	...	5	5
1819	369	32	{ £50, £55, £60 & 65 0 0 }	65,957	5,204	...	5	5
1820	388	34	{ £50, £55, £60 & 65 0 0 }	70,792	4,835	...	5	5
1821	406	36	{ £50, £55, £60 & 65 0 0 }	76,009	5,217	...	5	5
1822	432	39	{ £50, £55, £60 & 65 0 0 }	81,869	5,860	...	5	5
1823	437	41	{ £50, £55, £60 & 65 0 0 }	88,128	6,259	...	4½	4½
1824	459	44	60 & 70 0 0	94,029	5,901	...	4½	4
1825	490	48	60 & 70 0 0	99,006	4,977	...	4	4
1826	514	52	60 & 70 0 0	104,660	5,654	...	4	5
1827	525	56	60 & 70 0 0	111,230	6,570	...	5	5
1828	560	58	60 & 70 0 0	117,559	6,329	...	5	4½
1829	583	59	60 & 70 0 0	125,419	7,860	...	4½	4
1830	629	59	60 & 70 0 0	132,533	7,114	...	4	4
1831	635	66	70 0 0	137,387	4,854	...	3½	3½, 4
1832	640	68	70 0 0	144,797	7,410	...	4	4
1833	646	70	70 0 0	151,878	7,081	...	4	4
1834	666	67	70 0 0	158,712	6,834	...	4	3½
1835	672	71	70 0 0	164,564	5,852	...	3½	3½
1836	685	70	70 0 0	171,411	6,847	...	3½	3½
1837	672	73	75 0 0	176,663	5,252	...	3½	3½
1838	684	80	75 0 0	183,342	6,679	...	3½	3½
1839	683	81	75 0 0	189,277	5,935	...	4	4
1840	685	81	75 0 0	195,829	6,552	...	3½	3½
1841	680	83	75 0 0	201,647	5,818	...	4	4
1842	668	92	75 0 0	207,568	5,921	...	4	4
1843	654	93	75 0 0	213,342	5,774	...	4	4

No Heritable Securities held by Fund in these years.

STATE showing some particulars as to the progress of the Widows' Fund from Martinmas 1803 to Whitsunday 1890 inclusive—continued.

Year.	Contri- butors.	Annui- tants.	Annuity.	Fund.	Increase.	Decrease.	Rate of Interest on Heritable Securities.	
							Whit- sunday.	Martinmas.
1844	648	96	£75 0 0	£217,583	£4,241	...	4	3½
1845	637	99	78 15 0	221,708	4,125	...	3½	3½
1846	634	96	78 15 0	226,239	4,531	...	3½	3½
1847	624	101	78 15 0	231,643	5,404	...	3½	4
1848	620	104	78 15 0	237,924	6,281	...	4	4
1849	615	109	78 15 0	245,767	7,843	...	5	5
1850	599	118	78 15 0	250,927	5,160	...	5	4½
1851	589	123	78 15 0	254,681	3,754	...	4	3½
1852	580	128	85 0 0	256,838	2,157	...	3½	3½
1853	567	125	85 0 0	258,365	1,527	...	3½	3½
1854	557	132	85 0 0	260,136	1,771	...	3½	3½
1855	544	134	85 0 0	263,313	3,177	...	3½	4
1856	534	136	85 0 0	265,693	2,380	...	4	4
1857	532	141	85 0 0	267,812	2,119	...	4	4
1858	516	147	85 0 0	268,972	1,160	...	4	4
1859	506	155	85 0 0	269,264	292	...	4	4
1860	504	155	85 0 0	269,411	147	...	4	4
1861	508	157	85 0 0	268,987	...	£424	3½	3½
1862	498	158	85 0 0	265,644	97	...	3½	4
1863	501	152	85 0 0	266,811	1,167	...	4	4
1864	488	149	85 0 0	266,178	...	633	4	4
1865	479	150	85 0 0	267,691	1,513	...	4	4
1866	465	153	90 0 0	268,125	434	...	4	4
1867	449	157	90 0 0	268,775	650	...	4	4, 4½, 4½
1868	439	162	90 0 0	268,295	...	480	4, 4½, 5	4, 4½
1869	432	169	90 0 0	267,155	...	1,140	4, 4½	4, 4½
1870	418	171	90 0 0	266,276	...	879	4, 4½	4, 4½
1871	409	168	90 0 0	265,385	...	891	4	4
1872	408	170	90 0 0	263,635	...	1,744	4	4
1873	409	172	90 0 0	262,238	...	1,397	4	4
1874	407	173	90 0 0	260,339	...	1,899	4	4
1875	400	172	90 0 0	258,374	...	1,965	4	4
1876	400	165	90 0 0	256,895	...	1,479	4	4
1877	391	165	90 0 0	255,636	...	1,259	4	4
1878	384	169	90 0 0	253,359	...	2,277	4	4
1879	383	169	90 0 0	250,725	...	2,634	4	4
1880	385	169	90 0 0	249,675	...	1,050	4	4
1881	381	174	90 0 0	247,620	...	2,055	4	3½
1882	381	175	90 0 0	244,328	...	3,292	3½	3½
1883	371	172	90 0 0	240,868	...	3,460	3½	3½
1884	368	167	90 0 0	238,071	...	2,797	3½	3½
1885	374	163	90 0 0	235,317	...	2,754	3½	3½
1886	388	161	90 0 0	233,001	...	2,316	3½	3½
1887	399	158	80 0 0	231,846	...	1,155	3½	3½
1888	409	156	80 0 0	231,607	...	239	3½	3½
1889	419	149	80 0 0	231,909	302	...	3½	3½
1890	441	140	80 0 0	232,783	874	...	3½	3½

CHAPTER V.

THE CHAIR OF CONVEYANCING.

THE chair of conveyancing in the university of Edinburgh, which is endowed by the society, was not established until 1825. Upwards of thirty years before that date, however, the society had provided for systematic public instruction on the subject by the appointment of one of its own number as lecturer upon conveyancing. It is now proposed to trace the circumstances attending the foundation of that lectureship, and the steps by which it was subsequently raised, by the exertions of the society, to the position of an academic chair.

The subject of conveyancing, as to both theory and practice, has always been regarded by the society as peculiarly its province; and, from an early period, although there was no public teaching of the subject, the members of the body generally looked upon the instruction of their apprentices in conveyancing as not only their duty but as one of the privileges of the body which ought not to be committed to others. Evidence of this will be found in the fact that when, about the middle of last century, one of their number, Mr. John Mackenzie of Delvine, brought before the society a proposal for public instruction upon the subject by the foundation of a chair of conveyancing, it was rejected on the ground that it would interfere with the duty of masters in the teaching of their apprentices in chambers. Again, in 1773, a similar proposal to have public instruction on conveyancing was reported against by a committee to which it had been remitted: The society on considering this report resolved that it was "the duty of writers to the signet to instruct their apprentices in the several branches of their business, and to use all necessary means by practice, prelection, and

The study of
conveyancing.

examination, to discharge that duty. That, as the knowledge of styles is their proper province, the plan proposed would, in their apprehension, import an acknowledgment of their incapacity or want of inclination to do their duty; and that, as the expense of educating young gentlemen had of late been greatly augmented, it was matter for consideration how far it would be proper to subject them to further expense."

The society as a body was anxious to preserve intact what it considered both a duty and a privilege, which could not, without injury, be intrusted to others; and its individual members endeavoured to give a competent knowledge of conveyancing to those about to enter the society by "practice, prelection, and examination." But the impression gained ground that the instruction of the most zealous and able practitioners, delivered to their apprentices as the avocations of business might permit, was not an adequate substitute for more systematic teaching. As a result of this, a member of the society, Mr. Walter Ross, in order to afford to some extent such instruction, determined to give a private course of lectures upon "the history and practice of the law of Scotland relative to conveyancing and legal diligence." Accordingly, during 1783 and 1784, he delivered two short courses of lectures upon the subject.

Mr. Ross' lectures.

Other engagements unfortunately prevented him from again lecturing, and from going on with the preparation of the complete course of lectures which he had intended. The publication, however, after his death, of those he had delivered, shows how eminently qualified Mr. Ross was for the duty he had undertaken. Even to the present day the ability and research exhibited in these lectures afford the student of conveyancing much valuable information as to the origin and history of many of our most important deeds.

Mr. Ross had not specially sought the recognition of his project by the society, but the success of his lectures was so apparent as in great measure to remove the jealousy with which the former

proposals for public instruction in conveyancing had been regarded. Accordingly, when in 1793 one of its members, Mr. Robert Bell, brought forward a proposal that the society should give its approval and authority to his going on with a collection of decisions of the court of session dealing with conveyancing, which he had commenced, the society not only entertained the proposal as originally made, but added a scheme of public instruction in conveyancing, which Mr. Bell had subsequently suggested.

The proposal was brought before a general meeting of the society by the deputy keeper in May 1793, when a letter from Mr. Bell on the subject was read. It was then moved by Mr. William Macdonald: "That it is the duty of the society to promote the study of conveyancing, and as it appears necessary for the proper attainment of this object that one of the members should be appointed to deliver annually a course of lectures on the theory and practice of conveyancing, and to collect the decisions of the court of session, and in a particular manner those decisions which more immediately relate to our own department," the society do "resolve that in future one of its members shall be elected to fill these offices, and as an encouragement to the undertaking of this important charge, that from the period of the commencement of the said course of lectures, every candidate who applies for admission into the society shall produce to the examiners a certificate of his having attended a course of lectures, and that every apprentice shall in future, during his apprenticeship, attend at least one course. Secondly, that as Mr. Bell had proposed and bestowed great pains upon this plan, he should be named by the society to the office."

Mr. Macdonald's
motion.

The society, however, was not prepared to dispose of these resolutions without further consideration, and it was resolved that they should lie on the table until next general meeting, and that Mr. Bell should be requested to prepare and submit to the society, in the meantime, a plan of his proposed lectures, and of the mode and period of delivering them.

Establishment of
lectureship by the
society.

Shortly after this Mr. Bell submitted a general plan of the course of lectures which he proposed, embracing a wide field of instruction, in both the theory and the practice of conveyancing, with an elaborate introduction explaining the scheme. This having been printed and distributed amongst the members, the society at its general meeting, on 27th November 1793, approved of the plan, and resolved "that in future one of the members shall be appointed to deliver annually a course of lectures on the theory and practice of conveyancing, and to collect the decisions, and appoint Mr. Robert Bell to fill these offices." It further voted him a sum of £105 for his past labours in connection with the decisions; and, a remit having been made to a committee to consider and report as to his future salary, it was resolved at a subsequent meeting, on 16th December 1793, that Mr. Bell should receive an annual salary of sixty guineas as collector of decisions.

It will be seen from this, that the portion of Mr. Macdonald's original motion which made attendance upon the course of lectures on conveyancing compulsory was omitted from the resolution of the society, and further that no salary was attached to the lectureship, the salary given being for the collection of decisions alone. The fact that an attendance on the course of lectures was not made compulsory on apprentices arose apparently from the feeling in the minds of some, that, as attendance on the lectures delivered from the Scots law chair in the university was already obligatory on all apprentices, it was inexpedient to add another compulsory class. The omission to attach a salary to the lectureship was due entirely to the circumstance that Mr. Bell could not lecture for upwards of a year to come, when it would be time enough to consider the question of the salary to the lecturer.

Accordingly, though appointed in November 1793, Mr. Bell was not in a position to begin lecturing until December 1794, when he delivered a short course which dealt with only a comparatively small portion of his subject; and it was not till the winter session of

1795-96 that he was able to complete and deliver the lectures on the first part of his course, which embraced the constitution and transmission of heritable rights and kindred subjects.

Mr. Bell having found difficulty in procuring a suitable place for the delivery of his lectures, the society, on 1st July 1795, gave him the temporary use of its hall for that purpose during that year. Where his lectures were subsequently delivered does not appear, but at the general meeting of the society on 4th February 1811, Mr. Macvey Napier called attention "to the situation of the class of conveyancing, which he conceived to be degraded, and its utility impaired, by its exclusion from the society hall, in consequence of which Mr. Bell was obliged to deliver his lectures in a mason lodge, and moved 'that Mr. Bell be permitted to lecture in the hall at such hour as the society should deem most convenient.'" The motion was appointed to be taken into consideration at next general meeting, on 27th May thereafter, when it was agreed to allow the use of the hall to the lecturer on conveyancing during the pleasure of the society.

Although Mr. Bell's lectures did not even yet embrace the whole of the scheme which he had submitted to the society, the utility of the lectureship, and the ability of the lecturer, had been so clearly shown, that it was considered due to him to annex a salary to the office without waiting for the completion of the full course of lectures originally contemplated. In the meantime, however, it had become evident that so long as attendance on the courses of lectures on civil law and Scots law alone was required of apprentices, the lectureship on conveyancing was placed in an unfair position. Accordingly, both matters having been brought before a general meeting of the society, on 30th May 1796 it was resolved:—(1) "that every candidate for the office of clerk to the signet shall have attended three courses of law classes, viz., one course of Scots law, one course of conveyancing, and a third course either of Scots law, conveyancing, or civil law"; and (2) "that a salary

Mr. Bell's lectures.

should be annexed to the office of lecturer on conveyancing." A remit was made to a committee to report on the amount of the salary and the source from which it should be raised. This committee recommended that a salary which was estimated at £40 should be raised by requiring every apprentice on entering into indenture to pay £1, 1s. to the person appointed to receive the library money, who should account for it to the lecturer. Their report having been printed and circulated, was approved of by the society at a general meeting, on 11th July 1796. Mr. Bell therefore had now a salary of sixty guineas as collector of decisions and the produce of the tax of a guinea on every apprentice who should enter on indenture, besides a fee of £3, 3s. from each student attending his lectures, being the same fee as was paid to the professors of Scots law and civil law.

Collector of
decisions.

The appointment of a collector of decisions in connection with the lectureship was originally made under the idea that the collection undertaken by Mr. Bell had the approval of the judges of the court of session. This, however, appears not to have been the case; and the society, having learnt that the court did not look with favour upon the collection, appointed a committee to inquire into the nature of the objections to it.

Mr. Bell, in the meantime, *ex proprio motu*, had addressed a letter to the lord president explaining the grounds of his belief that he had obtained the sanction of the court to his undertaking, stating his readiness to give it up so far as he was individually concerned, and expressing a hope that the lectures on conveyancing, in which the society was mainly interested, might receive the sanction and encouragement of the court. This letter was communicated by Mr. Bell to the committee of the society to which it had been remitted to report on the subject. The committee reported to a general meeting of the society, on 5th December 1796, that, as it had considered Mr. Bell's proposal extremely proper, a meeting had been sought with the judges, and that

“lord president Campbell, who declared the sentiments of the court, approved highly of the institution of a course of lectures on conveyancing, considered it a *desideratum* in the legal education of the country, and as in every view an institution which deserved the protection and patronage of the court. His lordship also thought that everything should be done to promote the institution and to place it on a respectable footing, and, with that view, that it deserved the consideration of the court whether countenance should not be given to an application for having it made a professorship. Lord Eskgrove then proposed that, in order to bring the matter regularly before the court, a memorial stating the nature of the institution should be laid before them, and to this the other judges agreed.”

The committee therefore recommended:—“(1) That the collection of decisions should be given up. (2) That the salary annexed to the office of collector should be added to the office of lecturer on conveyancing. (3) That every exertion ought to be made by the society for placing the office of lecturer on the most respectable footing, and that proper steps should be taken for obtaining a professor’s chair in the university; and, with that view, that a memorial in the terms of the memorial hereto annexed should be signed by the deputy keeper in name of the society, and presented to the court.”¹

It is unnecessary to give the terms of the memorial at any length, but it may be stated that it set forth fully the circumstances attending the establishment of the lectureship in conjunction with the collection of the decisions and the intention of the society to give up the latter and to endow the office of lecturer, as the sole object of the institution, with a salary of £100 a year. It further stated the object of approaching the court in the following terms:—“The memorialists have formed this resolution upon full deliberation, actuated by no selfish policy, desirous of no preference to their

Memorial in
favour of a pro-
fessor’s chair in
the university.

¹ Jardine’s *Signet Papers*, “Report of the committee,” vol. i. No. 7.

lectureship which it does not deserve; and, anxious only to point out to those young men with whose education they are intrusted a beneficial and useful plan of study, they have cheerfully appropriated a considerable annual allowance for this new institution."

"It is under the conviction that this is a matter of public utility as well as of professional benefit that the memorialists presume to call your lordships' attention to the subject. They are desirous of representing it to his majesty's ministers as an object worthy of encouragement. They cannot, indeed, expect in these times any pecuniary aid from government; but they are desirous, under your lordships' sanction, of obtaining for this establishment a professor's chair in the university of Edinburgh, and they flatter themselves that this proposal may appear in such a light to your lordships as to enable you to give it the weight of your approbation."

Objections to
the chair.

The report, with the accompanying memorial, having been approved of by the society, the memorial was forthwith presented to the court. The court, however, notwithstanding its public approbation of the lectureship already specified, was not prepared to recommend the application as an object worthy of encouragement before ascertaining the opinion of the faculty of advocates, and directed it to be communicated to them for their consideration. The faculty remitted it to the dean and council, with instructions to consider and report as to the expediency of the proposed establishment of a professorship of conveyancing, and they shortly afterwards reported that, in their opinion, the proposal was liable to many strong and solid objections which they thought ought to determine the faculty to oppose its being carried into execution. Their main objections were the impossibility of detaching those doctrines which relate to the forms, styles, and contents of deeds from the general science of Scots law; the injury to the public that would arise from the separation of "the more liberal and scientific parts of the law from the subordinate and practical parts," and the injury the creation of a rival professorship of Scots law in the university would have on "the interest and just emoluments

of the present endowments of which the faculty of advocates are the patrons, thereby preventing the discharge of its duties from being a primary object to men of talents and liberal education." For these and other reasons the dean and council recommended that the faculty should express its disapprobation of the plan, and take such measures as might seem expedient for preventing its being carried into execution. This report, having been approved of by the faculty, was presented to the court, which resolved to take no action in the matter; and the society, apparently thinking it useless to press the proposal in the face of such determined opposition, for thirty years took no further steps towards raising the lectureship to the position of an academic chair.

It was not until the autumn of 1797 that Mr. Bell was able to lecture upon the second part of his subject, which then embraced the full plan of lectures originally proposed. This he then divided into two courses delivered in separate sessions. The first, extending to fifty lectures, was devoted to deeds in general and the constitution and transmission of heritable rights and real diligence, forming the subject of one course, and the other, extending to thirty lectures, was devoted to moveable rights and personal diligence. A fee of £2, 2s. was required from each student for the first course, and £1, 1s. for the second, attendance upon both courses being required in order to entitle students to a certificate.

The arrangement by which £40 of the salary attached to the lectureship was dependent on the £1, 1s. tax imposed on all apprentices on entering into indenture, had not proved satisfactory. Accordingly, when in 1802 the society had it in contemplation to raise the apprentice fee so as to increase the general funds, Mr. Bell took occasion to address a letter to the deputy keeper, in which he stated that, during the five years which had elapsed since the tax in question had been imposed, it had yielded on an average an annual sum of only £29 instead of £40 which it had been intended to produce, and that any increase to the general

Salary attached
to the lecture-
ship.

apprentice fee would probably still further reduce that amount, by lessening the number of those entering on indenture. He therefore suggested that a small addition might be made to the tax of £1, 1s. in order to carry out the intentions of the society in imposing it.

Mr. Bell's letter was brought before a general meeting of the society on 28th June 1802. Some dissatisfaction having then been expressed because of his having divided his lectures into two separate courses, thereby causing expense and inconvenience to the students, the whole matter was remitted to a committee for consideration. Mr. Bell thereupon submitted a memorial explaining his reasons for the division, and stating that although it had caused no additional expense to the students, he would give it up and would in future comprise his whole subject in one course of lectures. Regarding the increase of salary, he stated that his whole emoluments from the lectureship during the preceding five years had amounted on an average to only £140 per annum.

The committee having considered Mr. Bell's memorial, reported that it was satisfied that no additional expense had been thrown on apprentices by the division of the course of lectures. It, however, approved of his proposal to have only one course for the future, and in regard to increase of salary further recommended that a small addition should be given in order to make up the sum originally intended.¹ The report, having been printed and circulated, was brought before a general meeting of the society on 29th November 1802, when it was approved of so far as regarded Mr. Bell's intention to discontinue the division of the course, but disapproved in so far as it recommended an addition to the salary of the lecturer.

Mr. Bell does not appear to have been discouraged by either the smallness of the emoluments which he had hitherto derived from the lectureship, or the failure to have his salary placed upon a more satisfactory footing. He continued to discharge the duties of lecturing to a gradually increasing number of students

¹ Jardine's *Signet Papers*, vol. i.

with great ability and success, until his death in 1816. The credit is due to him of having originally suggested the lectureship, and while the wisdom and public spirit of the society in adopting and giving practical effect to his suggestions by founding and endowing it must be acknowledged, it cannot be doubted that it is to his ability and zeal in discharging his duties through many discouragements that we owe the success of the foundation. In addition, however, to giving much of his time to the discharge of these duties, Mr. Bell was also able to devote himself to literary work. During the earlier period of his lectureship, he prepared for the press and published his lectures on the testing clause, and treatises on deeds, on completing titles, and on leases, all of them useful works, though now out of date. His *Dictionary of the Law of Scotland*, to which he owes his character as an eminent legal author, was published in 1807, and, from its learning and research, was very soon accepted as a standard authority on the subject. Unfortunately he did not live long enough to know how highly this work was appreciated by the profession at large, but the numerous editions of it which have been called for since his death, bringing down the law without material alteration to their several dates of publication, show how good was the original conception of the book, and how excellent was its execution.

Mr. Bell's
publications.

The office of lecturer having become vacant by the death of Mr. Bell, the society availed itself of the offer of his brother, Mr. George Joseph Bell, who afterwards worthily filled the chair of Scots law in the university, to read the late professor's lectures until such time as a successor should be appointed. In December 1816, the society, from several candidates who sought the office, elected to the vacant lectureship, Mr. Macvey Napier, then librarian to the society.

Appointment of
Mr. Macvey
Napier as
lecturer.

Although the society, on the failure of its application in 1796 to have the lectureship raised to the position of a chair in the university, had resolved rather to await the effects of time and experience than to urge its wishes in face of the powerful opposition which had been manifested, and though for many years no

Renewed proposals for a professor's chair.

further active steps were taken for attaining the object desired, it was never lost sight of. The matter was again brought before the society by the deputy keeper at the general meeting on 21st November 1821, when a committee was appointed to resume consideration "of the propriety of applying for a professor's chair in the university of Edinburgh for the course of lectures instituted by the society, and to adopt such measures as might seem to them most prudent in the view of promoting the success of that object, thereby increasing the respectability of an institution the usefulness of which had been demonstrated by ample experience."

The committee so appointed, with the valuable aid of Mr. Thomas Thomson, advocate, proceeded to prepare a statement setting forth at considerable length the causes which had induced the society to found the lectureship, and the reasons for wishing to see the usefulness and respectability of the institution increased by having a professor's chair attached to it. From unavoidable causes this statement was not completed until February 1823, when the committee devolved upon two of its number, the deputy keeper and sir Robert Dundas, the duty of bringing it before the heads and judges of the court and the dean and faculty of advocates, with the view of ascertaining their sentiments, as well as before the lord provost and town council and the principal of the university.

The sub-committee so appointed having had the statement printed and presented to the court and to the faculty of advocates,¹ the lord president, after consultation with the judges, informed it that the matter was one on which they did not consider that the court was called upon to express an opinion.

The faculty of advocates, on the matter being brought before them, remitted it to the dean and council for consideration and report. They, however, could not agree upon the terms of that report; and the faculty accordingly adjourned consideration of the matter

¹ Jardine's *Signet Papers*, vol. iii.

until such time as their former report on the subject should be re-printed and circulated among the members. The sub-committee of the society being of opinion that the old objections stated to the professorship by the faculty in 1796, which it was thus proposed to reprint and circulate, could be satisfactorily answered from the experience of the benefits conferred by the lectureship during the period which had since elapsed, prepared "observations" on the faculty's report of 1796.¹ These they printed and circulated. The subject having been again brought before a full meeting of the faculty on 8th July 1823, a motion approving of the raising of the lectureship to a chair of conveyancing was defeated by only fifty-five votes to fifty-one, whereupon thirty-three of the minority, including many of the most eminent members of the bar, and amongst them Mr. George Joseph Bell, the distinguished professor of Scots law, lodged a formal dissent setting forth reasons against the resolution which had been carried.²

The committee reported to the society, at the general meeting on 12th July 1823, the result of the application to the faculty of advocates, with an expression of opinion that the vote of the faculty did not appear by any means calculated to damp the society's expectation of success in the object which it desired. The meeting approved of what had been done, and re-committed the matter, with a recommendation to the committee "to take all such measures as they should deem most expedient for attaining the object of obtaining a professor's chair in the university for the lecturer on conveyancing and his successors, and to enter into such transactions and agreements with the patrons of the university as they might consider fit and expedient in order to prevent disappointment of the pretensions which had been, by a narrow majority in the faculty of advocates, so unreasonably resisted and opposed."

The committee having thereupon determined at once to approach the lord provost, magistrates, and council of the city,

Letter to the
town council.

¹ *Jardine's Signet Papers*, vol. iii.

² *Ibid.* vol. iii.

patrons of the university, on the subject, addressed a letter to them on 17th July 1823, setting forth succinctly the whole circumstances of the case, praying them, in virtue of their prerogative as patrons, to establish a chair of conveyancing in the university, and engaging to provide for it a perpetual endowment of at least one hundred guineas. The letter further suggested that Mr. Macvey Napier, who then held the office of lecturer, should be appointed the first professor, and that the mode of filling up vacancies thereafter should be determined by a conference between the committee and a committee of the town council.

Opposition of the
lord provost.

A printed copy of this letter, along with copies of the various statements and proceedings which were referred to in it, was laid before the town council, and the committee shortly afterwards had an interview on the subject with sir William Arbuthnot, who was then lord provost. He received them with "polite attention"; but at the next meeting of the council, on his motion, without reasons given, or any discussion whatever, the application of the society was refused.

The committee, deeming it useless to combat the hostility of the lord provost, thought it prudent to take no further steps in the meantime, but to await the time when there was reason to hope that a change in the magistracy might lead to a different result.

Accordingly, when, in the following year, the civic chair came to be filled by Mr. Alexander Henderson, the committee solicited a conference with the lord provost and magistrates, and it had an opportunity in the autumn of 1824 of laying its views before them, with the best result; for his lordship, on 24th November 1824, brought the matter before a meeting of the town council, and spoke strongly in favour of the proposed chair. In consequence, however, of the strenuous opposition of one of the councillors it became necessary to postpone the decision until a subsequent meeting. The serious illness of the lord provost prevented his being present at the next meeting of the town council, on 1st December 1824,

but the views which he had so strongly urged at the previous meeting were adopted by the great majority of the council; and, on a division, the proposal to establish a chair of conveyancing in the university, of which Mr. Macvey Napier should be the first professor, was carried by a majority of twenty-five to four. At a subsequent meeting, after some discussion, a proposal of the committee that future vacancies should be filled by five delegates, two of them to be chosen from the town council, and two from the society of writers to the signet, together with the deputy keeper, was carried by a majority.

Establishment
of the chair,

The committee reported the favourable result of their labours to a general meeting of the society, held on 25th January 1825, when the cordial thanks of the writers to the signet were unanimously voted to lord provost Henderson and the magistrates and council for the establishment of the chair. The deputy keeper also conveyed to Mr. Napier the congratulations of the society on his appointment, expressing, at the same time, "their confident expectation and belief that he will, with unabated zeal and energy, exert his best abilities for the purpose of establishing the legal character of the science which he is appointed to teach, and that he will accomplish this in such a manner that the name of the first professor of conveyancing will be transmitted to posterity with a celebrity which cannot fail to communicate its influence to his successors, and to the society of which he is a member."

Mr. Napier
appointed
professor.

The exertions of the society in thus getting the lectureship on conveyancing raised to the dignity of a university chair were rewarded by a very considerable increase in the number of students who availed themselves of the lectures, and professor Napier continued to discharge the duties of the chair with great ability and success until his death, in his seventy-first year, in February 1847. In the long period of thirty-one years during which he filled the offices, first of lecturer and subsequently of professor, although much engaged in literary pursuits, he never allowed these to interfere in

any way with his academic duties, but fully justified the expectations and belief expressed by the society in their congratulations on his appointment to the professorship.

Mr. Menzies
appointed to
the chair.

Mr. Allan Menzies, W.S., who was appointed to the vacant chair of conveyancing on the death of Mr. Napier, had early given evidence of literary tastes. While a student of law in the university he had been one of the competitors for the prize of £100 given by the university commission of 1826 for the best essay on "the national character of the Athenians." Mr. John Brown Patterson, then certainly the most eminent student of the University, carried off the prize, but the essay of Mr. Menzies showed such great ability as to cause the senatus to confer upon him the very unusual distinction of the degree of "*M.A. honoris causa*."

Shortly after he had become a member of the society, the commissioners of the signet, under whose charge a fund of £120,000 had been left by Mr. James Dick, a London merchant, for the purpose of assisting schoolmasters and promoting education in the counties of Aberdeen, Banff, and Moray,¹ appointed Mr. Menzies their clerk in the management of the bequest, an office which practically laid upon him the duty of organising the system upon which this large fund was to be administered.

Mr. Menzies entered upon the discharge of his difficult duties with great zeal and energy. For a period of years he on frequent occasions personally superintended the examinations in many of the schools in these counties; he advised with the teachers in regard to the state of their schools and their methods of teaching; he regularly reported to the commissioners, advising with them as to the progress and result of the work; and through his untiring efforts the scheme gradually became developed into a great system which has been the means of raising education in these counties to a very high standard.

Although the office of clerk to the Dick bequest necessarily

¹ See *supra*, p. lix.

occupied a considerable portion of his time, Mr. Menzies had given much attention to the duties of his profession, and more especially to conveyancing. Accordingly, when the conveyancing chair became vacant, on professor Napier's death in 1847, he offered himself as a candidate for the office; and although he had as a competitor Mr. Alexander Duff, the able author of a treatise on *Feudal Conveyancing* and other legal works, the society by a large majority elected Mr. Menzies to the vacant chair.

He showed as professor the same untiring zeal and energy in the discharge of his new duties as he had done in the management of the Dick bequest.

Mr. Bell and professor Napier had been in the practice of testing the progress of their students principally by oral examinations. Professor Menzies, owing to deafness, finding himself unable to pursue the same method in a satisfactory manner, at once substituted for it the plan of frequent written examinations in the class-room, without the aid of book or notes, a system which, though entailing on the professor a largely increased amount of work, proved a more efficient test of progress than oral examinations, and has been followed by his successors in the chair.

His constitution, which was never robust, unfortunately broke down under the strain of his multifarious duties, and after filling the chair for a period of nine years, with an ability and success certainly not inferior to that of his distinguished predecessor, he died in February 1856, at the early age of fifty-two. His *Lectures on Conveyancing*, which were published a short time after his death, were highly appreciated by the profession, and have reached a third edition. Though they do not bring down the law to so late a date as those of his successor, to be afterwards noticed, they will always remain distinguished by their lucidity of expression and elegance of composition, while at the same time they testify to the thorough knowledge which the author possessed of both the theory and the practice of conveyancing.

Election of Mr.
Montgomerie
Bell.

On the death of professor Menzies in 1856, Mr. Alexander Montgomerie Bell, W.S., offered himself as a candidate for the vacant chair. Having been apprentice to Mr. John Dundas, W.S., in whose firm he afterwards became a partner, he had early devoted himself to the study of conveyancing, and from the ample opportunities he had for applying his knowledge to practice, he soon became an accomplished conveyancer. So much indeed was this acknowledged by the profession at large that, when he became a candidate for the chair of conveyancing, no one else came forward as a competitor for it, and he was unanimously elected to fill the vacancy. It might have been thought that, coming as he did after so eminent a predecessor as professor Menzies, his task would be a difficult one; but from the first his lectures showed his thorough practical knowledge of his subject, and his power of imparting that knowledge to his students. Unfortunately, like his predecessor, his constitution could not stand the strain which the additional work of the chair laid upon him, and after lecturing with great ability and success for nearly ten sessions, he died in January 1866, at the early age of fifty-four.

His lectures, which at his own request were published shortly afterwards, though perhaps not marked by the elegance of composition which distinguished those of professor Menzies, were much appreciated for their exhaustive and eminently practical character not only by students of conveyancing, but by the profession at large. Some years ago they reached a third edition, which brought down the law to the date of publication.

Election of Mr.
James S. Fraser
Tytler.

On professor Montgomerie Bell's death in 1866, Mr. James S. Fraser Tytler, W.S., was elected to fill the vacant chair, which he still holds.

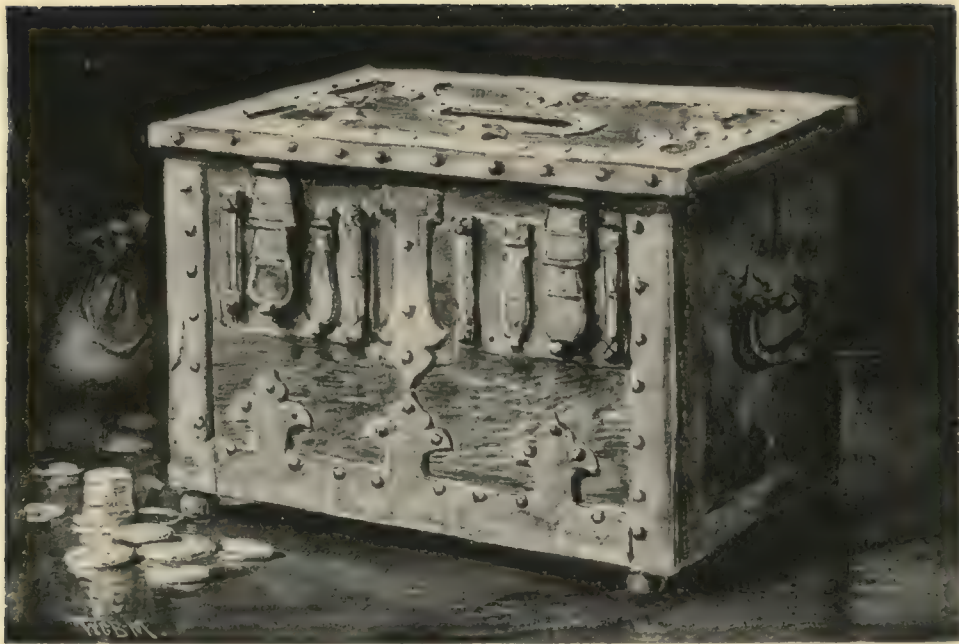
Success of the
chair of convey-
ancing.

The success of the chair of conveyancing, of which the history has thus been traced, is clearly shown by the increased number of students who take advantage of it. Although, from the first establishment of the lectureship in 1795, attendance on the lectures was compulsory on all who sought admission to the society, its

records give no information as to the number of those students who did not come under this category. There is little doubt, however, that the raising of the lectureship to the position of a university chair greatly extended its sphere of usefulness. This is shown by the society of solicitors in the supreme courts having likewise in 1851 required attendance on the lectures on conveyancing from all intending intrants to that body. The faculty of advocates also subsequently added the course on conveyancing to the curriculum of legal study for all future members of the bar; and the society of chartered accountants afterwards took a similar step in regard to entrance to that body.

The university records do not give any information as to the number of students attending the individual chairs until 1859. It has been impossible therefore to ascertain the extent of the attendance while professor Napier held the chair, though there is no doubt that it had increased greatly from that during the lectureship. During Mr. Menzies' tenure of the professorship (1846-1856), the number of students varied from 99 his smallest number in 1851-52, to 114 his largest in 1855-56. In the latter years of professor Montgomerie Bell's tenure of the chair the average number was 120. The number of students after 1866 gradually increased until 1874, after which it rapidly rose in consequence of the operation of the Law Agents Act of 1873 and the relative act of sederunt requiring attendance of university courses of lectures on Scots law and conveyancing from all future applicants for admission to the body of law agents. Although it is satisfactory to note this public recognition by the supreme court of the value of the lectures delivered from both of these chairs, it is still more so to add that the value of the lectures is fully recognised by the students themselves. The court in 1886, on finding that it had exceeded its powers in requiring, under the act of sederunt of 1873, a particular curriculum of legal study, passed another act making attendance on these lectures no longer necessary for future intrants to the body of

law agents. This apparently has had little effect in diminishing the number of students; for while the average number in the conveyancing class during the last three years in which attendance was compulsory (1885-1887) was 202, during the three years which have since elapsed, when attendance was not compulsory, it has been 195. These figures, it is thought, are sufficient to show that the founding and endowment of the chair of conveyancing by the society was a wise step, and that it has been duly appreciated by the legal profession in Scotland.



THE TYMMER BOX

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LIST OF WRITERS TO H.M. SIGNET

THIS list contains exclusively the names of those Writers to the Signet whose admissions are registered in the existing Minutes of the Society, or who are otherwise recorded therein. The names of some members of a date prior to 1594 are noticed above in the chapter on the History of the Society.

LIST OF WRITERS TO H.M. SIGNET

1594-1890.

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| ABERCROMBY, ALEXANDER. | 10th July 1770. |
| Apprentice to John Syme.—Son of Alexander Abercromby, Merchant in Norway.
<i>Died</i> 9th April 1804. | |
| ACHESON, ANDREW. | 9th July 1680. |
| Apprentice to John Kennedy.— <i>Died</i> 25th February 1702, aged 54. <i>Mar.</i> Louisa Borthwick. | |
| ADAIR, CHARLES MURDOCH. | 28th March 1819. |
| Apprentice to John Campbell and Andrew Clason.—Son of Dr. James M'Kettrick Adair, Physician in Harrogate. <i>Died</i> 23d March 1823. | |
| ADAIR, THOMAS, OF LITTLE GENOCH. | 3d July 1778. |
| Apprentice to Cornelius Elliot.—Eldest son of Mr. Andrew Adair, of Little Genoch, Minister of Whithorn. <i>Died</i> 22d November 1820. <i>Mar.</i> (1) Jane, daughter of the Rev. Andrew Ross of Balsarroch, Wigtownshire; and (2) 29th September 1783, Agnes, daughter of John Jameson, Merchant, Leith. | |
| ADAM, ALEXANDER FORSYTH. | 11th March 1847. |
| Apprentice to George MacLachlan and William Ivory.—Son of James Adam, S.S.C. <i>Born</i> 24th July 1822. <i>Died</i> 24th December 1881, unmarried. | |
| ADAM, ARTHUR. | 25th May 1883. |
| Apprentice to J. O. Mackenzie, W. R. and John Kermack.—Son of Stephen Adam, Wool-broker in Leith. <i>Born</i> 30th April 1860. | |
| ADAM, GEORGE SEYMOUR. | 29th June 1871. |
| Apprentice to Robert Blair Maconochie.—Son of Patrick Adam, S.S.C. <i>Born</i> 26th May 1846. <i>Died</i> 13th May 1875, unmarried. | |
| ADAM, JAMES. | 21st December 1820. |
| Apprentice to James Drummond of Comrie.—Son of Hamilton Adam of Kersehead, Ayrshire. <i>Died</i> 3d December 1849, aged 79. <i>Mar.</i> 10th August 1807, Janet, eldest daughter of John Shedden of Morrishill, Ayrshire. | |

ADIE, CAMPBELL.

12th March 1788.

Apprentice to William Campbell of Crawfordton.—Second son of Rev. George Adie, Minister of Carnock. *Born* 1762. *Died* 29th January 1807. *Mar.* 1st May 1800, his cousin, Penelope, daughter of William Campbell of Queenshill, Kirkcudbrightshire. Circuit Clerk of Justiciary.

ADIE, GEORGE, OF WHITEHOUSE.

13th June 1702.

Apprentice to Thomas Pringle.—*Died* January 1748. *Mar.* December 1706, Agnes, daughter of John Menzies of Cammo and Whitehouse, Advocate.

AIKENHEAD, ALEXANDER.

22d March 1630.

Apprentice to Andrew Hay.

AIKENHEAD, ALEXANDER.

26th January 1671.

Apprentice to James Chrystie.—Son of David Aikenhead, Writer in Edinburgh. Fiscal, 1678-83. *Died* 4th September 1705, aged 62.

AIKMAN, ANDREW.

26th July 1655.

Apprentice to Robert Pringle.—Re-admitted, 14th November 1661. *Died* January 1691.

AIKMAN, THOMAS, OF BRIMBLETON.

18th December 1685.

Apprentice to Nicoll Hardy.—Second son of John Aikman of Cairnie. *Mar.* (1) Isabel, daughter of Richard Lermont of Whitelawhouse; and (2) Margaret, daughter of James Winram of Libberton.

AINSLIE, JOHN.

Signs Minute of 17th January 1606.

AINSLIE, ROBERT, OF EDINGHAM.

9th July 1789.

Apprentice to Samuel Mitchelson.—Eldest son of Robert Ainslie of Darnchester, Berwickshire. *Born* 13th January 1766. *Died* 11th April 1838. *Mar.* (1) 3d January 1799, Jane, daughter of Colonel James Cunningham, of the Dutch Service; (2) 18th October 1837, Isabella, eldest daughter of Rev. Robert Munro, of Ullapool. Author of *A Father's Gift to his Children*, and other works.

AINSLIE, ROBERT.

18th June 1829.

Apprentice to George Combe.—Eldest son of Archibald Ainslie, Tenant in Peaston, Mid-Lothian. *Born* 1806. *Died* 11th December 1858, unmarried.

AITCHISON, WILLIAM KER.

15th November 1832.

Apprentice to Henry Gordon Dickson.—Son of William Aitchison, Brewer at Kerfield. *Born* 10th March 1807. *Died* 26th February 1854. *Mar.* 12th July 1830, Jane, daughter of William Murray, Merchant, Edinburgh.

ALEXANDER, JOHN.

2d May 1634.

Apprentice to Hew Rose.

- ALEXANDER, JOHN.** 16th June 1655.
Apprentice to James Tinto.—Re-admitted 11th April 1661. *Died* 1683.
- ALEXANDER, JOHN.** 20th November 1662.
Apprentice to Robert Alexander and John Bayne.—*Died* November 1711.
- ALEXANDER, ROBERT.**
Signs Minute of 17th January 1606. Keeper of the Signet, 26th December 1627. *Died* about 1630.
- ALEXANDER, ROBERT.** 2d April 1638.
Apprentice to John Mudie.—Son of John Alexander, Merchant Burgess of Aberdeen. *Died* 1667. *Mar.* (1) Jean Cargill; and (2) Janet Anderson.—Re-admitted 21st November 1660.
- ALEXANDER, ROBERT, OF BLACKHOUSE.** 30th June 1707.
Apprentice to Ronald Campbell.—Son of Mr. James Alexander of Blackhouse, Minister of Kilmalcolm. *Died* 23d May 1723. *Mar.* (1) Sophia, daughter of John Blair of Innerwick; (2) 8th January 1716, Margaret, daughter of Robert Alexander, Advocate. Principal Clerk of Session, 14th December 1715 till death.
- ALEXANDER, WILLIAM.** 30th November 1819.
Apprentice to John Archibald Campbell.—Son of Forrest Alexander, Merchant in Edinburgh. *Born* 1798. *Died* 21st December 1859. *Mar.* 18th October 1833, Jessie Mercer, eldest daughter of Alexander Gordon. Commissary Clerk of Edinburgh, 1850-60. Author of *Digest of the Bankruptcy Act*.
- ALISON, JOHN.** 23d November 1813.
Apprentice to David Wemyss.—Eldest son of Colin Alison, Writer in Montrose. *Died* 14th March 1836, aged 45, unmarried.
- ALISON, JOHN.** 25th June 1829.
Apprentice to Alexander Blair.—Son of John Alison, residing in Dundee. *Died* 19th February 1850, aged 62, unmarried.
- ALISONE, ALEXANDER, OF BIRKILL.** 15th June 1698.
Apprentice to John Strachan.—Son of Alexander Alisone of Birkhill, Fifeshire. *Died* September 1728.
- ALISONE, ALEXANDER.** 10th March 1719.
Apprentice to, and son of, Alexander Alisone, W.S.—*Died* 1st January 1728. *Mar.* Grizel, daughter of Thomas Wemyss, Advocate.
- ALLAN, ALEXANDER.** 15th January 1819.
Apprentice to George Robertson.—Third son of William Allan, Merchant in Edinburgh. *Died* 1st February 1871, aged 76. *Mar.*
- ALLANE, JAMES.** 20th June 1649.
Apprentice to Robert Pringle.—*Died* January 1693. *Mar.* Isobel Heriot. Treasurer, 1659-62. Re-admitted 21st November 1660.

ALLARDICE, WILLIAM PATRICK.

28th January 1836.

Apprentice to John Mackenzie Lindsay.—Son of Captain William Allardice of Murlingden. *Born* 8th October 1807. *Died* 12th August 1876. *Mar.* (1) 25th March 1834, Anna Maria, daughter of Captain John Macdiarmid; and (2) 12th September 1854, Elizabeth, daughter of Hugh Colquhoun, Glasgow.

ALLEN, CHARLES EDWARD.

24th June 1835.

Apprentice to Alexander Pearson.—Son of John Lee Allen of Errol Park. *Born* 16th November 1810. *Died* at Montreal 4th July 1885, unmarried.

ALLESTER, DAVID.

28th June 1827.

Apprentice to Thomas Burns.—Son of William Allester, Writer in Edinburgh. *Born* 1802. *Died* 29th October 1851. *Mar.* 9th August 1838, Agnes, eldest daughter of Robert Paul, W.S.

ALSTON, GAVIN.

17th November 1815.

Apprentice to John Granger.—Son of John Alston, in Bothwellhaugh, Parish of Bothwell. *Died* 16th May 1820. *Mar.* 20th August 1817, Jane, only daughter of Captain Thomson, R.N.

ALSTON, WILLIAM.

18th January 1749.

Apprentice to Alexander Stevenson of Montgreenan.—*Died* 5th April 1775. *Mar.* Janet Clark. Deputy Auditor of Exchequer.

ALVES, ANDREW.

25th September 1722.

Apprentice to, and son of, William Alves, W.S.—*Died* 23d January 1760.

ALVES, WILLIAM.

28th June 1700.

Apprentice to William Russell.—*Died* 7th September 1722. *Mar.* Ann Hamilton. Under Keeper of the Signet, 9th November 1709. Joint Deputy-Keeper, 1710-11. Commissary of Dumfries. M.P. for Sanquhar, 1702-7.

ANDERSON, DAVID.

Commissioner, 26th December 1627.—*Died* about 1635.

ANDERSON, DAVID.

18th August 1731.

Apprentice to William Veitch.—Only son of Andrew Anderson, Writer in Edinburgh. *Born* 1707. *Died* 11th January 1786. *Mar.* 5th November 1745, Mary, daughter of John Mitchelson of Middleton, Mid-Lothian.

ANDERSON, DAVID BROWN.

11th July 1867.

Apprentice to Mackenzie, Innes, and Logan.—Second son of William Anderson of Hallyards, Peeblesshire, Merchant in Leith. *Born* 22d March 1842.

ANDERSON, FRANCIS.

6th December 1773.

Apprentice to, and son of, David Anderson, W.S.—*Died* 27th April 1823, aged 76. *Mar.* (1) Miss Martin, and (2) Jane Easton. Deputy Auditor of Exchequer.

ANDERSON, FRANCIS.

1st July 1837.

Apprentice to Thomas Cranston.—Fifth son of John Anderson of Inchyra, Perthshire. *Born* 19th August 1804. *Died* 18th December 1855. *Mar.* 24th October 1848, Henrietta Maria, daughter of Rev. Edward Law, D.D., British Chaplain at St. Petersburg.

ANDERSON, HUGH HODGSON.

14th January 1890.

Apprentice to Alexander Paterson Purves.—Younger son of James Anderson, Banker, Leith. *Born* 24th January 1867.

ANDERSON, J.

Signs Minute of 17th January 1606.

ANDERSON, JAMES.

6th June 1691.

Apprentice to Robert Richardson.—Son of the Rev. Patrick Anderson, Minister at Welstoun. *Born* 5th August 1662. *Died* 2d April 1728. *Mar.* daughter of John Ellis of Elliston, Advocate. Author of *Diplomata Scotiæ*, and other works. Fiscal, 5th December 1698. Postmaster-General for Scotland from June 1715 to 29th November 1717.

ANDERSON, JOHN.

19th May 1629.

Son of David Anderson, W.S.

ANDERSON, JOHN, OF INCHYRA.

12th July 1779.

Apprentice to Samuel Mitchelson.—Third son of David Anderson, W.S. *Born* 4th August 1754. *Died* 18th June 1814. *Mar.* 10th August 1784, Janet, daughter of Samuel Mitchelson.

ANDERSON, JOHN.

24th May 1821.

Apprentice to James Carnegy.—Third son of Peter Anderson, Writer in Inverness. *Born* 1797. *Died* 13th November 1839. *Mar.* 22d April 1823, Elizabeth, only daughter of Alexander Mackenzie of Woodside.

ANDERSON, JOHN.

27th May 1824.

Apprentice to Thomas Cranston.—Fourth son of John Anderson, W.S. *Born* 15th June 1799. *Died* 4th May 1862. *Mar.* 15th October 1833, Harriet, second daughter of George Carr, of Newcastle.

ANDERSON, JOHN RAMSAY.

21st October 1874.

Apprentice to Frederick Pitman.—Son of Francis Anderson, W.S. *Born* 25th May 1851. *Mar.* 5th January 1875, Elizabeth Moore, only child of Admiral John Hay, of the Seggieden family.

ANDERSON, PATRICK.

2d December 1779.

Apprentice to Walter Scott.—Second son of James Anderson of Kingask and Newbigging, Advocate. *Died* 24th December 1809, aged 54. *Mar.* 14th September 1786, Susan, daughter of Rev. Gilbert Hamilton, D.D., Minister of Cramond.

ANDERSON, PETER.

11th December 1828.

Apprentice to John Tweedie.—Youngest son of Adam Anderson, Merchant in Edinburgh. *Born* 1803. *Died* 23d November 1855. *Mar.* (1) 14th October 1834, Frances, daughter of Campbell Gardner, Edinburgh; (2) 2d December 1850, Agnes, youngest daughter of John Anderson, Henderland.

ANDERSON, ROBERT SMITH.

16th November 1831.

Apprentice to (1) Hugh Rollo; (2) Robert W. Niven; and (3) Anthony Murray.—Son of Donald Anderson, Macer to the Court of Justiciary. *Born* 23d May 1809. *Died* January 1868. *Mar.* 2d January 1839, Margaret Kelly, eldest daughter of James M'Farlane of Balwill, Stirlingshire.

ANDERSON, ROBERT TROTTER.

29th October 1888.

Apprentice to Graham C. Somervell.—Son of Thomas Anderson, Merchant, Edinburgh. *Born* 25th September 1864.

ANDERSON, ROBERT YOUNG.

13th November 1816.

Apprentice to William Inglis.—Eldest son of Robert Anderson, sometime Merchant in the island of Antigua, and afterwards in Edinburgh. *Died* 15th November 1851, aged 59, unmarried.

ANDERSON, SAMUEL.

12th June 1818.

Apprentice to, and second son of, John Anderson, W.S.—*Born* 1791. *Died* 11th July 1849. *Mar.* (1) 30th August 1824, Anne, eldest daughter of James Milnes, Heatherwick House, East-Lothian; and (2) 15th May 1833, Charlotte Wilkinson.

ANDERSON, THOMAS SCOTT.

24th June 1830.

Apprentice to John Tweedie.—Son of Archibald Anderson, Merchant in Edinburgh. *Born* 1808. *Died* 14th September 1884. *Mar.* 15th July 1834, Hannah, daughter of James Lowthorp of Welton Hall, Yorkshire.

ANDERSON, WILLIAM.

24th June 1774.

Apprentice to Samuel Mitchelson.—Son of Andrew Anderson of Rashiegrain. *Died* 28th October 1785. *Mar.* 21st March 1775, Jenny, daughter of George Clerk Maxwell of Duncrieff, Dumfriesshire.

ANDERSON, WILLIAM.

28th November 1791.

Apprentice to William Dick.—Son of James Anderson, Merchant in Glasgow. *Died* 20th October 1796.

ANDRO, JOHN.

Commissioner, 16th December 1594.

- ANSTRUTHER, JAMES, OF TREESBANK.** 22d June 1826.
Apprentice to John Kerr.—Son of Colonel Robert Anstruther of the Royal Tay Fencibles. *Born* 16th September 1803. *Died* 19th May 1867. *Mar.* (1) 27th March 1828, Marion, daughter of Sir John Anstruther, Chief-Justice of Bengal; (2) 11th October 1866, Anabella Agnes, eldest daughter of Thomas Anderson of Glendriassaig, Ayrshire, Advocate.
- ANTHONE, PATRICK.** 12th February 1701.
Apprentice to James Carnegy.—*Died* before 1708.
- ARBUTHNOT, PETER.** 13th November 1678.
Apprentice to Henry Graham.—Brother of Alexander Arbuthnot, Merchant, and one of the Bailies of Dundee. *Died* 6th March 1704, aged 52.
- ARCHIBALD, HUGH, OF DANKETH.** 13th January 1681.
Apprentice to Archibald Nisbet.—*Mar.* Margaret Campbell. *Died* before 1705.
- ARMOUR, JAMES.** 2d December 1723.
Apprentice to (1) Robert Innes; and (2) Andrew Haliburton.—*Died* 23d August 1756. *Mar.* (1) Isobel Couter; and (2) June 1736, Euphemia, daughter of John Deans of Woodhouselee, Mid-Lothian.
- ARNOTT, JAMES, OF LEITHFIELD.** 21st November 1815.
Apprentice to John Campbell of Annfield.—Son of James Arnott, Farmer in Arbikie, Forfarshire. *Born* 1791. *Died* 21st December 1866. *Mar.* 31st October 1835, Emily Sophia, fourth daughter of Edward Fletcher of Corssock.
- ARNOTT, JOHN.** 20th December 1821.
Apprentice to John Campbell.—*Died* 5th April 1864, aged 70, unmarried.
- ARNOTT, JOHN WALKER.** 25th June 1829.
Apprentice to Æneas Macbean.—Son of David Walker Arnott, of Arlary, Kinrossshire. *Born* 21st August 1806. *Died* 23d March 1850, unmarried.
- ARNOTT, THOMAS, OF CHAPEL.** 23d June 1817.
Apprentice to John Ferrier.—Eldest son of Robert Arnott of Chapel, Fifeshire. *Died* 27th March 1865, aged 73. *Mar.* 13th November 1838, Jane Arnot, youngest daughter of the Rev. Andrew Grant, D.D., one of the Ministers of St. Andrew's Church, Edinburgh.
- ASHER, AUGUSTUS GORDON GRANT.** 15th July 1889.
Apprentice to Charles Morton and John Neilson.—Only son of John Gordon Asher, M.D., Surgeon-Major in Bengal Staff Corps. *Born* 18th December 1861.
- AUCHTERLONY, JOHN.** 27th January 1699.
Apprentice to John Guthrie.—*Died* 21st February 1716. *Mar.* Marjory Graham.

- AULD, HUGH. 13th July 1871.
Apprentice to, and son of, John Auld, W.S.—Born 25th March 1845.
- AULD, JOHN. 28th November 1833.
Apprentice to John Mowbray.—Eldest son of Hugh Auld, Cashier of the Commercial Bank. Born 2d November 1810. Died 28th March 1875. Mar. 11th June 1844, Jane, youngest daughter of Robert Johnstone, Merchant, Port-Glasgow.
- AULD, JOHN CARNEGIE. 29th October 1880.
Apprentice to Colin Mackenzie, A. D. M. Black, and J. M. Mackenzie.—Second son of John Auld, W.S. Born 17th February 1854.
- AUSTIN, ROBERT DAVID JARDINE MEIN. 14th January 1890.
Apprentice to Archibald Steuart.—Son of Rev. John Mein Austin, of St. Mungo. Born 4th July 1864.
- AYTOUN, ROBERT, OF CAPLEDRAE. 9th June 1825.
Apprentice to James F. Gordon.—Youngest son of Major-General Aytoun of Inchdairnie. Born 17th March 1799. Died 9th September 1874. Mar. 17th May 1844, Helene Louisa Adelaide, daughter of George Reid Maugham, London.
- AYTOUN, ROGER, OF MURIESTON. 8th July 1790.
Apprentice to Samuel Mitchelson, Junr.—Eldest son of William Aytoun, W.S. Died 16th March 1843, aged 76. Mar. 9th March 1807, Joan, daughter of James Keir of Kinmonth, Perthshire. Director in Chancery 1837-43.
- AYTOUN, WILLIAM. 16th December 1760.
Apprentice to James Graham.—Second son of Roger Aytoun of Inchdairnie, Fifeshire. Died May 1780. Mar. 3d June 1766, Isobel, only daughter of Colonel Patrick Edmonstone.
- AYTOUN, WILLIAM EDMONDSTOUNE. 14th May 1835.
Apprentice to, and son of, Roger Aytoun, W.S.—Born 21st June 1813. Died 4th August 1865. Mar. (1) 11th April 1849, Jane Emily, youngest daughter of Professor John Wilson, "Christopher North"; and (2) 24th December 1863, Fearnie Jemima, second daughter of James Kinnear, W.S. Author of *Lays of the Scottish Cavaliers*, and other poems. Admitted Advocate, 20th November 1840, Professor of Rhetoric and Belles-Lettres in the University of Edinburgh, 1845. Sheriff of Orkney, 1852.
- BABINGTON, WILLIAM. 17th October 1878.
Apprentice to James Lindesay, Junr.—Second son of Lieutenant-Colonel William Babington, 7th Hussars. Born 10th January 1856.
- BAILLIE, ANDREW. 20th December 1682.
Apprentice to Archibald Nisbet.—Died before 1694.

- BAILLIE, JAMES, OF HARDINGTON.** 14th April 1694.
Apprentice to Andrew Baillie.—Son of Alexander Baillie of Hillhouse. *Born* 1660. *Died* 28th July 1747. *Mar.* (1) Elizabeth, daughter of David Johnston, Merchant Burgess of Edinburgh; and (2) July 1704, Anna, daughter of George Livingstone of Saltcoats, Haddingtonshire. Treasurer, 1710-14.
- BAILLIE, JAMES WILLIAM, OF CULTERALLERS.** 12th November 1847.
Apprentice to James Mackenzie, J. B. Innes, and John Logan.—Son of Robert Granbery Baillie of Culterallers. *Born* 15th October 1824. *Died* 30th April 1880. *Mar.* 17th March 1857, Wilhelmina, daughter of John Ronald, S.S.C.
- BAILLIE, JOHN.** 7th September 1721.
Apprentice to John Stewart.—Son of James Baillie, Sheriff-Clerk of Inverness. *Born* 1689. *Died* 9th January 1754. *Mar.* Catherine Dunbar.
- BAILLIE, THOMAS, OF POLKEMMET.** 3d May 1732.
Apprentice to Robert Hepburn.—Eldest son of Thomas Baillie of Polkemmet. *Died* 3d February 1785. *Mar.* Isobel, daughter of Mr. Alexander Walker, Minister of Kirkurd. Father of Sir William Baillie, Bart., Lord Polkemmet.
- BAILLIE, WILLIAM.** 19th November 1801.
Apprentice to Charles Innes.—Eldest son of William Baillie, Commissary Clerk of Brechin. *Died* 13th February 1855, aged 82. *Mar.* 25th April 1808, Grace Margaret, daughter of John Mackenzie of Dolphinton, Lanarkshire. Sheriff-Substitute at Dumfries 1815-39.
- BAILLIE, WILLIAM, OF FALAHILL.** 21st May 1829.
Apprentice to Melville Burd, Thomas Macmillan, and John Miller.—Son of John Baillie, Edinburgh. *Born* 1805. *Died* 3d December 1876, unmarried.
- BAILLIE, WILLIAM ROBERT.** 2d June 1836.
Apprentice to Andrew Storie.—Son of William Baillie, W.S. *Born* 30th November 1812. *Died* 9th August 1858. *Mar.* (1) 4th October 1842, Maria Inglis, daughter of William Young, Writer in Kilmarnock; and (2) 15th February 1848, Elizabeth, daughter of Henry Johnston, Surgeon in Edinburgh.
- BAIRD, JAMES, OF CHESTERHALL.** 19th July 1697.
Servitor to Sir James Ogilvie, Principal Secretary of State.—Eldest son of John Baird, Bailie in Cullen. *Died* July 1741. *Mar.* (1) 1st July 1697, Margaret, daughter of John Anderson, Depute Clerk of Justiciary; (2) 15th August 1706, Jean Watson, of the family of Bilton Park, Yorkshire; and (3) Mary, daughter of the Rev. James Oswald, minister of Watten.
- BAIRD, JAMES JOHN.** 20th December 1827.
Apprentice to Alexander Young.—Second son of James Baird of the Shotts Ironworks. *Born* 1804. *Died* 11th December 1831. *Mar.* 14th April 1829, Ann, daughter of Alexander Dallas, W.S.

BAIRD, JOHN.

Commissioner, 18th October 1631.

BAIRD, JOHN.

26th February 1824.

Apprentice to Æneas Macbean.—Son of John Baird of Camelon, Stirlingshire. *Died* at Calcutta 4th September 1842, aged 43, unmarried.

BAIRD, JOHN WARDEN.

4th July 1828.

Apprentice to John Ferrier.—Son of Thomas Walker Baird, Advocate. *Born* 1799. *Died* 1st February 1875, unmarried.

BAIRNSFATHER, HUGH.

21st May 1806.

Apprentice to Harry Davidson.—Son of David Bairnsfather, Farmer in Harperdean. *Died* 25th November 1812. *Mar.* 1806, Catherine, daughter of Robert Walker of Whitelaw, Haddington.

BAIRNSFATHER, PETER, OF DUMBARROW.

17th May 1832.

Apprentice to John Russell.—Eldest son of Hugh Bairnsfather, W.S. *Born* 27th May 1809. *Died* 31st May 1890. *Mar.* 7th July 1840, Sarah Every, daughter of Major William Miller, Royal Horse Guards.

BALCANQUALL, DAVID.

19th July 1695.

Apprentice to William Thomson.—*Died* 27th February 1702.

BALDERSTON, WILLIAM.

20th November 1778.

Apprentice to Walter Scott.—Son of George Balderston, Surgeon in St. Christopher's and afterwards in Edinburgh. *Died* 2d January 1818. *Mar.* 29th March 1796, Helen, second daughter of William Charles Little Gilmour of Craigmillar, Mid-Lothian.

BALDERSTON, WILLIAM CHARLES.

25th November 1824.

Apprentice to (1) William Balderston, and (2) William Scott.—Eldest son of William Balderston, W.S. *Died* 19th April 1851, aged 52, unmarried.

BALFOUR, ANDREW.

3d November 1686.

Apprentice to George Dallas of St. Martins.—*Died* November 1697. *Mar.* (1) Elizabeth, daughter of George Bayne, Merchant Burgess, Edinburgh; and (2) Margaret, eldest daughter of John Wedderburn of Blackness, Forfarshire.

BALFOUR, CHARLES.

9th July 1821.

Apprentice to Hugh James Rollo.—Son of John Balfour, Merchant in Glasgow. *Born* 4th January 1798. *Died* 22d May 1856. *Mar.* 1842, Charlotte, daughter of Dugald Macgregor, Merchant, Greenock.

BALFOUR, DAVID, OF SOMERSIDE.

19th July 1779.

Apprentice to Samuel Mitchelson.—Third son of William Balfour of Trenaby, Orkney. *Born* 8th November 1754. *Died* 25th May 1813. *Mar.* Marion, daughter of George M'Intosh of Dunchattan.

- BALFOUR, DAVID, OF TRENABY.** 29th June 1837.
Apprentice to John Mowbray.—Son of William Balfour of Ellwick, Orkney.
Born 14th October 1811. *Died* 19th November 1887. *Mar.* 12th December 1844, Eleanor Alder, daughter of Captain Samuel Barker Edmeston: Author of *Odal Rights and Feudal Wrongs: A Memorial for Orkney*. Convener for the County of Orkney, 1854-87.
- BALFOUR, GEORGE.** 12th March 1736.
Apprentice to (1) John Mein, and (2) Alexander Stevenson of Montgreenan.—
Son of James Balfour of Pilrig. *Died* 28th March 1751. *Mar.* October 1739, Ann, daughter of Alexander Stevenson of Montgreenan, W.S.
- BALFOUR, JAMES.** 26th June 1769.
Apprentice to John Davidson.—Eldest son of George Balfour, W.S. *Died* 24th November 1806.
- BALFOUR, JAMES, OF PILRIG.** 17th February 1800.
Apprentice to James Gibson.—Eldest son of John Balfour, younger of Pilrig.
Born 7th January 1774. *Died* 20th March 1860. *Mar.* 24th February 1806, Anne, daughter of Captain John Mackintosh of Corribrough, Inverness-shire.
- BALFOUR, JAMES.** 6th June 1839.
Apprentice to, and second son of, James Balfour of Pilrig, W.S.—*Born* 17th February 1815. *Mar.* 15th August 1844, Eliza Ogilvy, daughter of James Heriot of Ramornie, Fifeshire, W.S.
- BALFOUR, JAMES HERIOT.** 15th October 1873.
Apprentice to, and eldest son of, James Balfour, W.S.—*Born* 8th July 1845. *Mar.* 21st November 1878, Mary Louisa, elder daughter of Sir David Dundas of Beechwood and Dunira, Bart.
- BALFOUR, JOHN.**
Signs Minute of 17th January 1606. *Died* about 1628.
- BALFOUR, JOHN LEWIS GRAHAM.** 1st June 1820.
Apprentice to James Gibson.—Son of John Balfour of Sauchrie. *Died* 4th April 1866, aged 71. *Mar.* 5th October 1824, Alexis, eldest daughter of Charles Mercer, Allan Park, Stirling.
- BALFOUR, LESLIE MELVILLE.** 17th July 1879.
Apprentice to James Mylne.—Sixth son of James Balfour, W.S. *Born* 9th March 1854. *Mar.* 25th November 1879, Jeanie A., eldest daughter of William Wilson, M.D., and niece of the Right Hon. John Inglis, Lord Justice-General.

BALFOUR-MELVILLE, JOHN MACKINTOSH, OF PILRIG AND STRATHKINNESS.

5th March 1835.

Apprentice to, and eldest son of, James Balfour of Pilrig.—*Born* 23d September 1811. *Mar.* 21st September 1841, Anne, daughter of Harry Rainy, M.D., Professor of Forensic Medicine in the University of Glasgow.

BALFOUR, WILLIAM.

27th June 1820.

Apprentice to James Hamilton.—Son of William Balfour, Surgeon in Edinburgh. *Born* 1794. *Died* 30th September 1873, unmarried.

BALLANTYNE, WILLIAM, OF SHIRVA.

30th June 1801.

Apprentice to John Hunter.—Second son of James Ballantyne, Merchant in Glasgow. *Died* 1st May 1827.

BALLINGAL, ANDREW HUNTER.

6th June 1867.

Apprentice to John Dundas, William Wilson, and A. M. Bell.—Second son of William Ballingal, Factor, Sweetbank, Fifeshire. *Born* 21st July 1841. *Mar.* 6th September 1876, Ellen, elder daughter of Archibald Burns and Ellen Caroline Macpherson Macdonald of Glencoe.

BALLINGALL, GEORGE DAVID.

15th July 1886.

Apprentice to William Stuart Fraser.—Eldest son of David Ballingall, Factor, Blair-Drummond, Perthshire. *Born* 2d March 1852. *Mar.* 17th April 1888, Annie Niven Maclean, daughter of Robert K. Masterton, Edinburgh.

BANNATYNE, JAMES, OF KIRKTOUN OF NEWTYLE.

Son of Thomas Bannatyne, Senator of the College of Justice. Commissioner, 4th December 1595. Depute Clerk of Justiciary.

BANNATYNE, JOHN.

Signs the Acts 26th December 1627.

BANNATYNE, OR BALLANTYNE, PATRICK.

Commissioner, 1st June 1607.

BANNERMAN, ALEXANDER.

18th September 1714.

Apprentice to Andrew Haliburton.—*Died* about 1724.

BANNERMAN, CHARLES.

5th July 1742.

Apprentice to George Chalmers.—Second son of Patrick Bannerman, Merchant, and Lord Provost of Aberdeen. *Died* 6th February 1747, unmarried.

BANNERMAN, JAMES PATRICK.

24th October 1879.

Apprentice to the Hon. J. W. Moncreiff.—Second son of the Rev. James Bannerman, D.D., Professor of Divinity, New College, Edinburgh. *Born* 8th August 1854.

BARBOUR, PETER.

29th July 1633.

Apprentice to Robert Wallace.—*Died* before 1669. *Mar.* Isabell Carmichael.
Re-admitted 21st November 1661.

BARCLAY, ANTHONY.

20th June 1769.

Apprentice to Alexander M'Millan.—Son of John Barclay, Writing-master in
Dundee. *Died* 27th September 1811. *Mar.* 22d December 1801, Grace, eldest
daughter of the Rev. Patrick Grant, Minister of Cromdale.

BARCLAY, JAMES ROBERTSON, OF KEAVIL.

25th February 1740.

Apprentice to Hew Crawford.—Son of George Robertson of Craigarnhall. *Died*
8th July 1792. *Mar.* 24th September 1744, Isobel, second daughter of Robert
Wellwood of Garvock, Fifeshire.

BARRON, GEORGE.

4th June 1829.

Apprentice to (1) Robert Burnett, and (2) Alexander Donald.—Son of John
Barron, Aberdeen. *Died* 11th August 1851, aged 51. *Mar.* 26th December
1837, Elizabeth, second daughter of Alexander Adie, Optician, Edinburgh.

BAUCHOP, JAMES CALDER.

10th December 1840.

Apprentice to Robert Rutherford.—Only son of Robert Bauchop, residing at
Dens, near Bo'ness. *Born* 1814. *Died* 1852, unmarried.

BAXTER, CHARLES.

27th July 1871.

Apprentice to (1) Edmund Baxter, and (2) T. G. Murray and J. A. Jamieson.—
Son of Edmund Baxter, W.S. *Born* 27th December 1848. *Mar.* 24th July 1877,
Grace Roberta Louisa, youngest daughter of Major-General Robert Stewart,
H.E.I.C.S.

BAXTER, EDMUND.

11th July 1837.

Apprentice to Allan Macdougall.—*Born* 12th April 1813. *Mar.* 30th March
1847, Mary, daughter of William Turnbull of Forthbank, Stirlingshire. Auditor
of the Court of Session, 1866.

BAXTER, JAMES.

5th December 1811.

Apprentice to John Dundas.—Son of the Rev. Colin Baxter, Minister of
Monzievaird. *Died* 18th May 1864, aged 78, unmarried.

BAYLEY, GEORGE.

18th June 1856.

Apprentice to Thomas Elder M'Ritchie.—Eldest son of Isaac Bayley of Manuel,
Stirlingshire, S.S.C. *Born* 12th October 1831. *Mar.* 24th March 1863, Helen
Christian, youngest daughter of William Hunt of Navity, Fifeshire, W.S.

BAYNE, JOHN.

Signs the Acts 26th December 1627.

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- BAYNE, JOHN.** 25th February 1635.
Apprentice to Cuthbert Miller.—Second son of John Bayne, W.S. Struck off the Roll of Society, 8th January 1666, having been appointed Sheriff-Clerk of Berwickshire.
- BAYNE, JOHN, OF PITCAIRLY.** 9th January 1655.
Apprentice to John Semple.—Son of Donald Bayne. *Died* 28th January 1681, aged 60. *Mar.* Euphan Aikman, sister of Andrew Aikman, W.S. Re-admitted 8th July 1661.
- BAYNE, JOHN.** 9th June 1825.
Apprentice to John Mowbray.—Son of John Bayne, Schoolmaster in Leith. *Born* 1795. *Died* 10th May 1843. *Mar.* 20th July 1831, Jessie, daughter of James Cassie of Banff. Lecturer on Conveyancing to the Juridical Society.
- BEATOUN, ALEXANDER, OF LANGHERMISTON.** 13th March 1650.
Apprentice to Alexander Douglas.—Second son of Alexander Beatoun, Burgess of Anstruther. *Died* 9th November 1672, aged 57. *Mar.* 1642, Marjory Kennedia. Re-admitted 21st November 1661.
- BEATSON, ALEXANDER.** 20th June 1793.
Apprentice to Alexander Mackenzie.—Son of the Rev. David Beatson, Minister of Dunbarney. *Died* 10th October 1806.
- BEATSON, ROBERT.** 13th May 1869.
Apprentice to Alexander Hamilton and George Thomas Kinnear.—Son of Robert Beatson, Writer in Edinburgh. *Born* 1st November 1833. *Mar.* 21st October 1879, Mary Editha, second daughter of Robert Tod, M.D., Dysart.
- BEGG, ANDREW VANNAN, B.L.** 16th July 1889.
Apprentice to R. W. Wallace.—Son of John Begg, Ironmaster, Kinniel, Bo'ness, *Born* 15th April 1857.
- BEITH, DONALD.** 17th July 1862.
Apprentice to James Greig and Charles Morton.—Son of Gilbert Beith, residing in Lochgilphead. *Born* 25th November 1815. *Mar.* 16th November 1870, Mina Maria, third daughter of James Balfour, and widow of Andrew Murray, Jun., W.S. Admitted S.S.C. 1850.
- BEITH, ROBERT DONALD.** 19th July 1872.
Apprentice to Andrew Murray, Junr., and Donald Beith, his uncle.—Son of the Rev. Alexander Beith, D.D., Minister of the Free North Church, Stirling. *Born* 16th October 1844.
- BELL, ALAN RUTHERFORD, OF HILLOWTON.** 6th February 1888.
Apprentice to David Wardlaw.—Son of John Bell of Hillowton, Kirkeudbrightshire. *Born* 1st November 1862.

- BELL, ALEXANDER MONTGOMERIE. 5th March 1835.
Apprentice to James Dundas.—Son of John Bell, Merchant in Paisley. *Born* 4th December 1809. *Died* 19th January 1866. *Mar.* 21st June 1836, Margaret, eldest daughter of Hugh Colquhoun, Merchant in Glasgow. Professor of Conveyancing in the University of Edinburgh, 1856-66. Author of *Lectures on Conveyancing*.
- BELL, BENJAMIN WILLIAM. 13th June 1833.
Apprentice to, and son of, William Bell, W.S.—*Born* 23d July 1810. *Died* 22d August 1840, unmarried.
- BELL, CARLYLE. 6th March 1810.
Apprentice to Thomas Cranston.—Youngest son of Thomas Bell, Merchant in London. *Died* 27th August 1850, aged 71. *Mar.* (1) 25th December 1806, Joan, daughter of the Rev. Robert Home, Minister of Polwarth; and (2) 13th July 1821, Jean Dickie, eldest daughter of Charles Cuninghame of Newholm, W.S.
- BELL, CHARLES, OF CRAIGFOODIE. 19th August 1700.
Apprentice to William Dykes.—Son of Robert Bell, W.S. *Died* May 1731. *Mar.* April 1706, Elizabeth, daughter of the Rev. Andrew Ury, Minister of Muiravonside.
- BELL, CHARLES YOUNG BEATSON. 13th November 1862.
Apprentice to, and son of, John Beatson Bell, W.S.—*Born* 1835. *Died* 26th April 1868, unmarried.
- BELL, GIDEON WILLIAM, OF FOURTOUN. 30th June 1831.
Apprentice to William Scott and Gilbert Laurie Finlay.—Son of William Bell, Farmer, Swintonhill, Berwickshire. *Born* 14th August 1805. *Died* 4th March 1887. *Mar.* 10th October 1855, Barbara Leonora, second daughter of General Alexander Dirom.
- BELL, HAMILTON. 8th August 1785.
Apprentice to Walter Ross.—Son of John Bell, Stabler in Edinburgh. *Died* 6th May 1807.
- BELL, JOHN. 23d June 1757.
Apprentice to Hew Crawford.—Second son of John Bell of Alderston. *Died* 12th July 1776. *Mar.* 14th March 1774, Clementina, daughter of John Blair of Dunskey, Wigtownshire.
- BELL, JOHN, OF GREENHILL. 24th November 1774.
Apprentice to John Bell.—Eldest son of Richard Bell of Between-the-Waters. *Died* 1776.

- BELL, JOHN, OF CRAIGE OCH. 8th May 1798.
Apprentice to James Dundas.—Eldest son of John Bell, W.S. *Died* 15th November 1852, unmarried.
- BELL, JOHN, OF CASTLECREAVIE. 21st January 1874.
Apprentice to William Waddell.—Son of William Bell of Gribda, Kirkcudbrightshire. *Born* 17th July 1848. *Mar.* 14th April 1879, Agnes, eldest surviving daughter of James Newall of Goldielea, Kirkcudbrightshire. Deputy Keeper of the Great Seal, 1882.
- BELL, JOHN BEATSON, OF KILDUNCAN. 28th February 1828.
Apprentice to Charles Nairne.—Eldest son of the Rev. Andrew Bell of Kilduncan, Minister of Crail. *Born* 1802. *Died* 15th May 1868. *Mar.* 16th December 1830, Ann, eldest daughter of Charles Young, Merchant in Leith.
- BELL, JOHN MONTGOMERIE. 27th November 1862.
Apprentice to, and son of, Alexander Montgomerie Bell, W.S.—*Born* 28th May 1837. *Mar.* 26th July 1870, Elizabeth Jane, daughter of Henry Simpson, Selville, Portobello.
- BELL, MATTHEW MONTGOMERIE. 26th May 1864.
Apprentice to John Dundas, William Wilson, and Alexander Montgomerie Bell.—Son of John Montgomerie Bell, Advocate, Sheriff of Kincardineshire. *Born* 5th March 1840. *Mar.* 4th April 1877, Jane Caroline, second surviving daughter of James Cockburn, Rampore, Bauleah, Bengal.
- BELL, RICHARD, OF CASTLE O'ER AND CRURIE. 2d August 1859.
Apprentice to James Steuart.—Son of George Graham Bell of Crurie, Advocate. *Born* 12th September 1833. *Mar.* (1) 29th July 1864, Jane, daughter of William Aitchison of Briery Hill; (2) 19th June 1878, Margaret Elizabeth, daughter of Captain David Marshall, H.E.I.C.S.; and (3) 14th September 1880, Henrietta May, second surviving daughter of S. H. May Somerville of Whitecroft.
- BELL, ROBERT. 22d June 1784.
Apprentice to William Macdonald.—Eldest son of Rev. William Bell, one of the Ministers of Edinburgh. *Died* 1st November 1816. *Mar.* Mary Hamilton, granddaughter of Claud Hamilton, Writer, Maybole. Admitted Advocate, 4th July 1812. Lecturer on Conveyancing. Author of *A Dictionary of the Law of Scotland*, and other legal works.
- BELL, ROBERT. 29th November 1673.
Apprentice to Patrick Don.—*Died* February 1685. *Mar.* March 1673, Margaret Lumsden.

- BELL, ROBERT CRAIGIE.** 26th May 1864.
Apprentice to John Ord Mackenzie and William Robert Baillie.—Second son of Benjamin Bell, Surgeon in Edinburgh. *Born* 13th September 1840. *Mar.* 20th July 1866, Isabella Moubray, daughter of Rev. Lewis Hay Irving, Free Church Minister, Falkirk.
- BELL, WILLIAM.** 16th June 1807.
Apprentice to Hugh Corrie.—Third son of Benjamin Bell of Hunthill, Surgeon in Edinburgh. *Born* 1783. *Mar.* 11th September 1809, Margaret Jane, daughter of John Craigie of Glendoick. *Died* 19th June 1849. Crown Agent, 1840-1.
- BENNET, JAMES.** 11th December 1828.
Apprentice to Alexander Robertson.—Son of James Bennet, Merchant in Buckie. *Died* 1859, aged 65. *Mar.* 25th April 1825, Margaret, only daughter of William M'Kimmie, Elgin.
- BENNETT, ALEXANDER.** 5th March 1835.
Apprentice to, and eldest son of, William Bennett, W.S.—*Born* 25th September 1811. *Died* 17th February 1855. *Mar.* 9th March 1846, Isabella Nelson.
- BENNETT, WILLIAM.** 18th November 1817.
Apprentice to Thomas Scott.—Son of Andrew Bennett, Farmer at Brunstane, Mid-Lothian. *Died* 7th January 1843, aged 62.
- BERRY, WILLIAM, OF TAYFIELD.** 16th January 1798.
Apprentice to (1) Lawrence Hill and (2) Harry Davidson.—Son of John Berry of Bogie and Tayfield, Fifeshire. *Born* 23d March 1774. *Died* 9th December 1852. *Mar.* 23d September 1823, Isabella Henderson.
- BERTRAM, JOHN PRIMEROSE.** 11th June 1829.
Apprentice to James Nairne.—Eldest son of John Bertram, Corn Merchant in St. Andrews. *Born* 1803. *Died* 16th October 1849. *Mar.* 1st October 1833, Georgina, third daughter of James Turnbull.
- BEVERIDGE, JAMES.** 18th December 1826.
Apprentice to (1) Robert Graham and (2) Adam M'Cheyne.—Son of William Beveridge, W.S. *Born* 1800. *Died* 16th August 1869. *Mar.* (1) Louisa Fuche; and (2) 4th September 1855, Matilda Wynne.
- BEVERIDGE, THOMAS KNOX.** 27th June 1833.
Apprentice to John Murray.—Son of Thomas Beveridge, Writer in Edinburgh *Born* 1st August 1807. *Died* 11th April 1858. *Mar.* 22d April 1834, Ann, youngest daughter of Dr. Patrick Mushet, of Birkhill, Stirlingshire.
- BEVERIDGE, WILLIAM.** 8th August 1785.
Apprentice to James Thomson.—Second son of James Beveridge, Writer in Edinburgh. *Died* 5th June 1807, aged 43. *Mar.* Barbara May.

BICKARTOUN, HARRY.

Commissioner 16th December 1594. Fiscal, 1598-1604. *Mar.* Violet Tuedy.

BILTON, LEWIS.

16th November 1871.

Apprentice to John M. Lindsay and Alexander Howe.—Son of Captain Lewis Bilton, R.N. *Born* 16th October 1843. *Mar.* 11th June 1873, Hannah Marion, youngest daughter of John Dorlin Grayson, Shipbuilder, Liverpool.

BINNING, ALEXANDER MONRO, OF AUCHENBOWIE.

5th March 1829.

Apprentice to James Dundas.—Son of David Monro Binning of Softlaw. *Born* 28th May 1805. *Mar.* 4th August 1835, Harriet, daughter of Dr. Alexander Monro of Craiglockhart, Mid-Lothian.

BINNY, GRAHAM.

12th November 1829.

Apprentice to James Laidlaw Mitchell.—Son of Andrew Binny of the Excise, Dundee. *Born* 2d August 1800. *Died* 12th November 1882. *Mar.* 31st July 1826, Marianne, daughter of Thomas Kyd, of the Exchequer, Edinburgh.

BINNY, JOHN.

15th March 1861.

Apprentice to, and son of, Graham Binny, W.S.—*Born* 6th July 1837. *Died* 13th July 1873. *Mar.* 26th August 1869, Euphemia Bremner, daughter of David Crole, Solicitor to Inland Revenue, Edinburgh.

BIRRELL, GEORGE.

1st July 1824.

Apprentice to (1) Henry Moncreiff, and (2) James Stuart.—Son of George Birrell, of Hon. East India Company's Service. *Born* 1800. *Died* 9th March 1837. *Mar.* 29th December 1832, Lucy, eldest daughter of Hon. Charles Chipchase, Comptroller of the Customs, island of St. Lucia. Barrister of the Inner Temple and Senior Member of Legislative Council of St. Lucia; Attorney-General of Bahamas.

BIRS, SAMUEL.

Signs Minute of 17th January 1606.—Son of Alexander Birs, Tailor Burgess of Edinburgh. *Died* 25th December 1616.

BISHOP, WILLIAM CLARK.

18th January 1877.

Apprentice to John Dundas and William Wilson.—Son of John Baillie Bishop, Secretary of the Royal Bank of Scotland. *Born* 10th November 1849. *Mar.* 14th October 1880, Mary, daughter of John Jamieson of Kingask, Fifeshire.

BISSET, HABAKKUK.

Reputed Author of *Ane short form of Process*, 1609.—Clerk to Sir John Skene, Lord Clerk Register. Suspended for having no gown 9th March 1610. Was one of the greatest oddities of his time.

BISSET, ROBERT.

Mentioned 1609.

- BLACK, ALEXANDER DAVID MARTIN.** 29th November 1866.
Apprentice to (1) David M. Black, and (2) Colin Mackenzie.—Son of the Rev. Patrick Black, residing at Worcester, Cape Colony. *Born* 24th September 1843. *Mar.* (1) 6th December 1866, Catherine Gibson Ramsay, only daughter of James Hackings, Inveresk; and (2) 10th September 1872, his cousin, Mary Helen, only daughter of Alexander Schulze, M.D., Victoria.
- BLACK, ALEXANDER WILLIAM.** 19th October 1885.
Apprentice to John William Young and John Blair.—Son of the Rev. James Black, Minister of the Free Church of Dunnikier. *Born* 28th February 1859. *Mar.* 17th October 1888, Ellinor, youngest daughter of Admiral Thomas Wilson, C.B., Edinburgh.
- BLACK, DAVID MARTIN.** 20th December 1821.
Apprentice to Alexander L. Ramage, John Blair, and William Bell.—Second son of the Rev. Alexander Black, Minister of the Associate Burgher Congregation at Musselburgh. *Died* 5th April 1865, aged 68, unmarried.
- BLACKBURN, RICHARD FREDERICK.** 29th October 1880.
Apprentice to C. Mackenzie, A. D. M. Black, and J. M. Mackenzie.—Son of Robert Bogle Blackburn, Advocate, Sheriff of Stirling and Dumbarton. *Born* 17th July 1854. *Died* 18th September 1884, unmarried.
- BLACKIE, DAVID.** 30th November 1819.
Apprentice to James Little.—Second son of Robert Blackie, Merchant in Kirkcudbright. *Born* 1795. *Died* 2d September 1832. *Mar.* 2d August 1825, Margaret, only daughter of David Briggs of Strathairly, Fifeshire. Editor *Edinburgh Evening Post*.
- BLACKWOOD, JAMES.** 21st December 1837.
Apprentice to Donald Horne.—Son of William Blackwood, Publisher in Edinburgh. *Born* 6th July 1814. *Died* 17th October 1871, unmarried.
- BLAIR, ALEXANDER.** 14th July 1628.
Apprentice to Robert Wynram.
- BLAIR, ALEXANDER, OF DUNROD.** 22d November 1790.
Apprentice to John Hunter.—Only son of Hugh Blair of Dunrod, Kirkcudbrightshire. *Born* 8th September 1766. *Died* 24th June 1844. *Mar.* 24th July 1800, Agnes, second daughter of Sir David Maxwell of Cardoness, Bart.
- BLAIR, ALEXANDER STEVENSON.** 28th October 1889.
Apprentice to J. P. Wright and R. B. Blyth.—Eldest son of Patrick Blair, Advocate, Sheriff-Substitute of Inverness-shire. *Born* 3d June 1865.
- BLAIR, GAVIN, OF BRAXFIELD.**
Brother of Rev. James Blair, Minister of Port Montgomerie. *Died* 1632. M.P. Lanark, 1617-1621. Purchased lands of Braxfield 1613.

- BLAIR, GAVINE.** 9th June 1629.
Apprentice to Sir William Scott of Elie and Arthur Hamilton.
- BLAIR, HUGH, OF AUCHENREOCH.** 22d November 1827.
Apprentice to, and son of, Alexander Blair, W.S.—*Born* 21st March 1806. *Died* 5th January 1878. *Mar.* 8th November 1833, Ann Gordon, daughter of Patrick Sanderson, of Sir William Forbes and Company, Bankers, Edinburgh.
- BLAIR, JOHN.** 21st December 1809.
Apprentice to Robert Boswell.—Eldest son of John Blair of Garshake, Merchant in Glasgow. *Born* 1779. *Died* 21st April 1858. *Mar.* 24th December 1813, his cousin, Margaret, third daughter of Horatius Cannan, W.S.
- BLAIR, JOHN.** 17th October 1878.
Apprentice to John William Young.—Second son of William Blair, Dalry, Ayrshire.—*Born* 22d December 1839. *Mar.* 22d June 1869, Ann Miller, youngest daughter of James Mather, Marionville, Trinity.
- BLAIR, PATRICK.** 9th February 1860.
Apprentice to James Shepherd, T. M. Grant, and William Cuthbertson.—Second son of Hugh Blair, W.S. *Born* 4th October 1836. *Mar.* 3d December 1873, Hon. Eleonora Jane Ross, daughter of James, Lord Moncreiff of Tulliebole.
- BLAIR, WILLIAM.** 9th August 1782.
Apprentice to Isaac Grant.—Second son of William Blair of Thornhill. *Died* 12th May 1800. *Mar.* Ann Blair.
- BLANE, ANDREW, OF BLANEFIELD.** 24th November 1774.
Apprentice to Allan Clarke.—Eldest son of Gilbert Blane of Blanefield. *Born* 1744. *Died* 9th October 1839, unmarried. Sheriff-Clerk of Ayrshire, 1815-21.
- BLYTH, ROBERT BRITTAIN.** 19th April 1876.
Apprentice to Alexander Hamilton, G. T. Kinnear, and Robert Beatson.—Second son of Benjamin Hall Blyth, Civil Engineer in Edinburgh. *Born* 13th December 1850. *Died* 8th September 1886, unmarried.
- BOGLE, ANDREW.** 26th May 1842.
Apprentice to Harry Davidson.—Son of Andrew Bogle, Cashier of the Royal Bank of Scotland. *Born* 23d March 1811. *Died* 4th October 1871. *Mar.* 7th April 1863, Margaret Robertson, daughter of John M'Kean, W.S.
- BOGLE, JOHN, OF BOGLES HOLE.** 22d September 1713.
Died September 1743. Clerk, 21st January 1712. *Mar.* Isobel Henderson.
- BOGUE, JOHN, OF HALLYDOWN.** 21st June 1787.
Apprentice to Thomas Cockburn.—Son of John Bogue of Hallydown, Berwickshire. *Born* 1740. *Died* 7th September 1818. *Mar.* August 1767, Margaret, daughter of Henry Anderson, farmer, Broughton, Edinburgh.

- BONAR, HORATIUS.** 22d January 1874.
Apprentice to Thomas Thomson and David Scott Dickson.—Third son of Rev. John James Bonar, D.D., Minister of St. Andrew's Free Church, Greenock. *Born* 31st July 1843. *Mar.* 25th July 1883, Mary, younger daughter of Thomas Thomson, W.S.
- BONAR, JAMES.** 22d November 1827.
Apprentice to Charles Tawse.—Eldest son of James Bonar, Solicitor of Excise, Edinburgh. *Born* 1801. *Died* 11th July 1867. *Mar.* 7th December 1859, Caroline, daughter of Alexander Glennie, of Maybank, Aberdeenshire.
- BOOTH, JOSEPH.** 9th December 1830.
Apprentice to James Shepherd.—Son of George Booth, residing at Springbank, near Aberdeen. *Died* August 1871, aged 68, unmarried.
- BORTHWICK, JAMES.**
Commissioner, 16th December 1594. *Died circa* 1606.
- BORTHWICK, LOUIS.** 28th February 1828.
Apprentice to William Bell.—Third son of John Borthwick of Crookston, Mid-Lothian. *Born* 1801. *Died* 22d September 1876. *Mar.* 19th July 1844, Susan, third daughter of John Westgarth, Surveyor of Customs.
- BOSWELL, ALEXANDER.** 8th December 1808.
Apprentice to, and second son of, Robert Boswell, W.S.—*Born* 1781. *Died* 30th August 1850. *Mar.* 30th August 1803, Mary, daughter of John Sandeman, Perth. Sheriff-Substitute of Berwickshire, 1836-50.
- BOSWELL, ROBERT, OF ST. BOSWELLS.** 25th February 1773.
Apprentice to Thomas Tod.—Second son of Dr. John Boswell, Physician in Edinburgh. *Born* 30th January 1746. *Died* 1st April 1804. *Mar.* June 1769, Sibella, daughter of William Sandeman, Merchant, Perth. Lyon Depute and Clerk, 2d November 1770.
- BOW, HENRY HARDIE.** 17th November 1825.
Apprentice to Alexander Douglas.—Second son of Robert Bow, Merchant in Edinburgh. *Died* 24th November 1826.
- BOW, JOHN MACKENZIE.** 11th April 1887.
Apprentice to Patrick William Campbell.—Eldest son of Dr. John Campbell Bow, Deputy Surgeon-General in the Bengal Army. *Born* 7th May 1863.
- BOWIE, JOHN, OF CAMSISCAN.** 7th July 1815.
Apprentice to Donald Maclean.—Son of William Bowie of Camsiscan, Ayr. *Died* 28th January 1862, aged 70. *Mar.* 15th March 1813, Maxwell Margaret, daughter of Captain Duncan Macdougall of Ardentrive, Argyllshire. Solicitor to Inland Revenue.

- BOYD, ALEXANDER. 4th March 1826.
Apprentice to Francis Wilson.—Son of William Boyd, W.S. *Born* 1802. *Died* 28th November 1840. *Mar.* 23d September 1828, Lucy Frances, only daughter of Major John Duddingston, 28th Regiment.
- BOYD, GEORGE WILLIAM. 12th December 1816.
Apprentice to Henry Jardine.—Son of William Boyd of Marchhill, Dumfriesshire. *Born* 1794. *Died* November 1882. *Mar.* 14th May 1850, Mary Ann Bennet.
- BOYD, MURDOCH. 16th January 1888.
Apprentice to John Hope Finlay.—Son of John Boyd, Publisher, Edinburgh. *Born* 20th March 1865.
- BOYD, ROBERT, YOUNGER OF DRUM. 19th November 1801.
Apprentice to David Balfour.—Son of Robert Boyd of Drum. *Died* 10th December 1815.
- BOYD, WILLIAM, OF HILLHOUSEFIELD. 4th December 1794.
Apprentice to James Thomson.—Son of Archibald Boyd, of the Hon. East India Company's Service. *Died* 21st June 1846, aged 74. *Mar.* 14th March 1798, daughter of Alexander Brown, Merchant, Edinburgh.
- BOYD, WILLIAM. 15th July 1886.
Apprentice to Robert Bruce Johnston.—Son of John Boyd of Maxpoffle, Roxburghshire, Lord Provost of the City of Edinburgh, and Isabella, daughter of John Lawson of Cairnmuir, Peeblesshire, W.S. *Born* 25th November 1861. *Mar.* 16th July 1890, Laura, younger daughter of John Crerar, Halifax, Nova Scotia.
- BOYD, WILLIAM MITCHELL. 8th July 1828.
Apprentice to Alexander Monypenny.—Son of John Boyd of Broadmeadows, Selkirkshire. *Born* 29th August 1804. *Mar.* 4th August 1841, Anne, daughter of Dr. James Hamilton, Professor of Midwifery, University of Edinburgh.
- BOYES, THOMAS. 15th September 1704.
Apprentice to David Balcanquhall.—Fiscal, 1710-17. *Died* about 1718. *Mar.* 19th April 1708, Grizel, daughter of James Hay of Carriber, Linlithgowshire.
- BRAND, WILLIAM. 10th July 1834.
Apprentice to Scott, Finlay, and Balderston.—Son of Charles Brand, Farmer in the parish of Peterhead. *Born* 5th January 1807. *Died* 18th October 1869. *Mar.* 19th July 1848, Eleanor Bruce, youngest daughter of Captain Bruce Mitchell, H.E.I.C.S. Secretary of Union Bank of Scotland.
- BREMNER, CHARLES. 8th July 1790.
Apprentice to William Balderston.—Son of James Bremner, S.S.C., Edinburgh. *Born* 4th June 1768. *Died* 1st August 1857. *Mar.* 1834, Isabella, daughter of Thomas Pender, Comptroller of Stamps and Taxes.

- BREMNER, HUGH.** 7th June 1825.
Apprentice to Charles Bremner.—Son of Hugh Bremner, Accountant in Edinburgh. *Born* 1802. *Died* 24th August 1869. *Mar.* 11th June 1833, Catherine, daughter of Robert Menzies of Trinity.
- BRIDGES, DAVID JAMES.** 6th March 1845.
Apprentice to, and son of, James Bridges, W.S.—*Born* 26th August 1821. *Died* February 1852, unmarried.
- BRIDGES, JAMES.** 22d June 1810.
Apprentice to James Hay.—Fourth son of David Bridges, Merchant in Edinburgh. *Died* 6th May 1865, aged 80. *Mar.* (1) 18th August 1817, Jane, youngest daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel Macdonald, Royal Marines; and (2) 18th September 1838, Mrs. Jane Mary M'Kerras Gracie, of Williamsraig. Author of *View of the Political State of Scotland at Michaelmas* 1811.
- BRINGLOE, FRANCIS JOHN.** 29th June 1837.
Apprentice to John Bowie.—Son of Hugh Say Bringloe, Clerk of the Jury Court. *Born* 15th April 1814. *Died* 25th December 1858. *Mar.* 18th August 1842, Margaret, daughter of Adam Thomson, Accountant in Edinburgh.
- BRISBANE, JAMES.** 20th July 1695.
Apprentice to Robert Watson.—Second son of James Brisbane of Brisbane. *Mar.* (1) 1691, Anna, second daughter of John Cranston of Glen, Peeblesshire; and (2) December 1720, Ann, daughter of John Mitchell of Alderston.
- BRODIE, FRANCIS.** 7th July 1803.
Apprentice to James Walker.—Second son of John Brodie, tenant in Linplum. *Born* 1764. *Died* 23d October 1839. *Mar.* (1) 4th September 1795, Elizabeth, daughter of Ellis Martin, Merchant in Leith; and (2) 31st December 1808, Margaret, second daughter of Gilbert Ker of Gateshaw, Roxburghshire.
- BRODIE, GEORGE JAMES.** 28th October 1881.
Apprentice to John Clerk Brodie, his uncle.—Second son of Lieut.-Colonel Thomas Brodie, residing in Edinburgh. *Born* 20th February 1859. *Mar.* 4th June 1890, Theresa Sophia Charlotte, elder daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel Wayne of Tickwood Hall, Shropshire.
- BRODIE, JAMES GIBSON CRAIG.** 31st October 1879.
Apprentice to, and youngest son of, John Clerk Brodie, W.S.—*Born* 18th March 1855. *Died* 19th September 1884. *Mar.* 26th June 1878, Ellen Anne, daughter of Edmund J. W. Wood, of Henley Hall, Ludlow, Salop.
- BRODIE, JOHN.** 4th July 1823.
Apprentice to James Jollie.—Eldest son of Francis Brodie, W.S. *Born* 1797. *Died* 11th August 1865. *Mar.* 3d March 1828, Margaret Amelia, eldest daughter of Major-General Thomas William Kerr.

BRODIE, JOHN BUCHAN.

16th November 1812.

Apprentice to Thomas Gordon.—Son of William Brodie, Writer in Edinburgh.
Died 4th January 1866, aged 78. *Mar.* Elizabeth Tucker Shaw.

BRODIE, JOHN CLERK, OF IDVIES, C.B., LL.D.

17th November 1836.

Apprentice to James Thomson Gibson Craig.—Fourth son of Thomas Brodie, W.S. *Born* 20th May 1811. *Died* 27th May 1888. *Mar.* (1) 20th March 1832, Bathia Garden, eldest daughter of Stewart Souter of Melrose, Banffshire; and (2) 16th November 1848, Penelope Marianne, third daughter of the Rev. John Sneyd, of Ashcombe, Staffordshire. Crown Agent, February 1847 to March 1852, and January 1853 to March 1858; Keeper of the Register of Sasines, 3d February 1858; Treasurer, 1870; Deputy Keeper of the Signet, 1882-87.

BRODIE, JOHN SNEYD.

26th December 1873.

Apprentice to, and son of, John Clerk Brodie, W.S.—*Born* 23d October 1850.
Died 1st June 1875, unmarried.

BRODIE, LUDOVICK, OF WHYTFIELD.

11th July 1706.

Apprentice to John Campbell.—Son of Francis Brodie of Milnton, Elginshire.
Born about 1681. *Died* 16th June 1758. *Mar.* Helen Grant.

BRODIE, THOMAS.

18th June 1739.

Apprentice to John Macfarlane.—Second surviving son of Alexander Brodie of Lethen, Nairnshire. *Died* 19th August 1770. *Mar.* March 1755, Phœbe, daughter of Thomas Forbes of Thornton, Kincardineshire, and widow of John Scott of Hedderwick, Forfarshire. Lyon Depute, 7th September 1754.

BRODIE, THOMAS DAWSON, OF IDVIES.

12th November 1857.

Apprentice to, and eldest son of, John Clerk Brodie, W.S.—*Born* 26th December 1832. *Mar.* (1) 11th September 1861, Charlotte Frederika, third daughter of Thomas John Furnell of Heathmount, county Limerick; and (2) 18th April 1876, Anne, eldest daughter of William Dawson of Gairdoch, Stirlingshire. Deputy Keeper of the Privy Seal, 1869-74.

BRODIE, THOMAS.

21st June 1787.

Apprentice to Samuel Mitchelson.—Second son of Thomas Brodie, W.S. *Born* 10th August 1760. *Died* 14th September 1825. *Mar.* Ann Taap. Resigned his Commission 18th February 1792.

BROOKMAN, JAMES.

29th October 1888.

Apprentice to Alexander Howe and William Macgillivray.—Son of Benjamin Brookman, Edinburgh. *Born* 7th June 1842. *Mar.* 19th December 1873, Annie, second daughter of James Buchanan, Farmer, Ballafuil, Balquhiddar.

- BROUGHTON, CHARLES.** 1st March 1799.
Apprentice to Joseph Cauvin.—Third son of Edward Broughton, of the Excise.
Died 10th November 1823. *Mar.* 5th June 1799, Helen, daughter of John Peat,
Writer in Edinburgh.
- BROUN, ALEXANDER CARRUTHERS M'BRYDE.** 4th August 1880.
Apprentice to (1) Hector Monro, and (2) W. C. MacEwen.—Son of the Rev. Hugh
M'Bryde Broun, Free Church Minister, Lochmaben. *Born* 5th June 1856. *Mar.*
6th September 1889, Jessie, daughter of Robert Wanless, Edinburgh.
- BROWN, ARCHIBALD GEORGE.** 13th January 1890.
Apprentice to Thomas D. Brodie.—*Born* 11th March 1850. *Mar.* 31st December
1874, Helen, only daughter of W. P. Faichney, Kinross.
- BROWN, CHARLES.** 26th February 1753.
Apprentice to Robert Hepburn.—Son of Charles Brown of Coalstoun, East-Lothian.
Died 25th April 1781.
- BROWN, DAVID.** 11th July 1817.
Apprentice to Adam Rolland.—Son of James Brown, Bookseller in Edinburgh.
Died 29th January 1836.
- BROWN, DAVID.** 1st July 1825.
Apprentice to Alexander Douglas.—Eldest son of the Rev. David Brown, Minister
of Crailing. *Born* 1799; not known precisely when he died. *Mar.* 8th April
1835, Mary Ann, youngest daughter of James Taylor, of Lloyd's, London.
- BROWN, DAVID, YOUNGER OF PARK.** 12th November 1847.
Apprentice to John Scott and William C. Balderston.—Eldest son of Major David
Brown of Park. *Born* 8th September 1822. *Died* 18th November 1861. *Mar.*
4th November 1856, Catherine, daughter of Alexander Robertson, Edinburgh.
- BROWN, HUGH.** 15th July 1885.
Apprentice to Thomas Elliot Ogilvie Horne.—Eldest son of Hugh Brown of
Broadstone, Ayrshire. *Born* 22d April 1861.
- BROWN, JAMES.** 7th July 1824.
Apprentice to David Cleghorn.—Son of Thomas Brown, Builder at Uphall. *Born*
1800. *Died* 10th August 1845, unmarried.
- BROWN, JOHN, OF PRATHOUSE.** 24th February 1809.
Apprentice to Thomas Scotland.—Son of John Brown of Prathouse. *Died* 1st
January 1819.
- BROWN, JOHN.** 1st December 1825.
Apprentice to John Tweedie.—Eldest son of John Brown of Culter Mains,
Lanarkshire. *Died* 29th February 1872, aged 75, unmarried. Author of a
Summary of the Turnpike Act.

BROWN, JOHN OSBURN.

2d December 1794.

Apprentice to James Thomson.—Son of Alexander Brown, Merchant in Edinburgh. *Born* 1771. *Died* 30th January 1838. *Mar.* (1) 14th July 1797, Agnes Campbell, Lochdochart; and (2) 30th April 1812, Elizabeth Rae, eldest daughter of John Campbell, Receiver-General of Customs. Second Clerk to Jury Court, 1815-30.

BROWN, ROBERT, OF KIRKLANDS.

5th July 1782.

Apprentice to Thomas Tod.—Eldest son of the Rev. James Brown, one of the Ministers of Edinburgh. *Born* 23d August 1758. *Died* 6th November 1812. *Mar.* 22d December 1782, Isabella, eldest daughter of Alexander Adam, Architect, Edinburgh.

BROWN, ROBERT.

16th June 1818.

Apprentice to William Mollie.—Eldest son of Robert Brown, W.S. *Born* 1790. *Died* 15th May 1833, unmarried.

BROWN, ROBERT, OF WHITSOME NEWTON.

16th July 1846.

Apprentice to John Scott and William C. Balderston.—Son of Robert Brown of Gilston. *Born* 26th October 1819. *Died* 28th December 1855. *Mar.* 3d July 1845, Sarah Ann, daughter of Alexander Hamilton, Mauchline.

BROWN, ROBERT JOHNSTON.

14th November 1839.

Apprentice to Smith and Kinnear.—Son of William Henry Brown of Ratho Bank. *Born* 5th July 1816. *Died* 28th April 1876. *Mar.* 8th December 1855, Augusta Marcia, daughter of Rev. Thomas Charles Brown, London. Cornet, 14th King's Light Dragoons, 1842; Lieutenant, 1845; Captain, 1853; Major, 1864.

BROWN, WALTER, OF COLTON.

6th July 1826.

Apprentice to John Russell.—Only son of Captain John Brown, of the ship *Wellington*, of Leith. *Born* 1802. *Died* 4th July 1869. *Mar.* 23d March 1840, Jane, second daughter of James Spowart of Springbank.

BRUCE, EDWARD.

25th November 1780.

Apprentice to William Aytoun.—Eldest son of Captain James Bruce, of the 26th Regiment. *Died* 27th February 1804.

BRUCE, GEORGE.

17th April 1862.

Apprentice to Andrew Storie and William R. Baillie.—Eldest son of Thomas Bruce of Langlee, W.S. *Born* 3d February 1829.

BRUCE, JAMES.

25th June 1863.

Apprentice to Alexander Hamilton.—Son of James Bruce of the Inland Revenue, residing in Edinburgh. *Born* 8th September 1838. *Mar.* 29th August 1871, Catherine, eldest daughter of John Russel, Dean of Guild, Edinburgh.

- BRUCE, JOHN.** 29th June 1843.
Apprentice to Walter Dickson and James Steuart.—Son of James Bruce of Powfoulis, Stirlingshire. *Born* 19th November 1815. *Mar.* 4th June 1857, Jessie, third daughter of Robert Taylor of Broomland, Kirkeudbrightshire.
- BRUCE, THOMAS, OF LANGLEE.** 15th June 1810.
Apprentice to Archibald Tod.—Eldest son of George Bruce of Langlee, Depute Clerk of Session. *Born* 3d January 1785. *Died* 25th May 1850. *Mar.* 6th March 1828, Margaret, daughter of Charles Steuart, W.S. Depute Clerk of Session, 14th January 1824 till death.
- BRUCE, THOMAS.** 9th July 1819.
Apprentice to (1) John Dundas, (2) H. J. Rollo.—Son of James Bruce, Secretary to the Board of Excise. *Born* 1794. *Died* 2d December 1837. *Mar.* 13th January 1831, Matilda, daughter of Thomas Gloag of Chapelton.
- BRUNTON, JAMES.** 27th November 1862.
Apprentice to James Mackenzie, J. B. Innes, and John Logan.—Son of William Brunton, Merchant in Edinburgh. *Born* 31st December 1838. *Mar.* 26th November 1868, Ellen Marion, daughter of Montagu Gosset, London.
- BRYCE, GEORGE FERGUSON.** 21st July 1879.
Apprentice to John Cook.—Son of Archibald Hamilton Bryce, D.C.L., Edinburgh. *Born* 2d June 1855.
- BUCHAN, JAMES.** 16th November 1781.
Apprentice to William Wilson, Senr.—Son of David Buchan, Bailie in Perth. *Died* 28th May 1814.
- BUCHAN, JOHN.** 10th July 1770.
Apprentice to (1) George Turnbull; and (2) Charles Brown.—Third son of John Buchan of Letham. *Born* 6th October 1742. *Died* 17th August 1822.
- BUCHAN, JOHN.** 19th November 1782.
Apprentice to Andrew Stuart, Junr.—Third son of Thomas Buchan of Auchmacy, Aberdeenshire. *Died* in Jamaica 1793.
- BUCHAN, WILLIAM.** 19th November 1782.
Apprentice to John Buchan.—Eldest son of Hugh Buchan, Chamberlain of the City of Edinburgh. *Died* 26th April 1790.
- BUCHANAN, CHARLES SNODGRASS, OF CUNNINGHAMHEAD.** 29th June 1838.
Apprentice to Cunningham and Bell.—Eldest son of David Snodgrass Buchanan of Cunninghamhead. *Born* 4th April 1813. *Died* 22d September 1849, unmarried.

- BUCHANAN, HECTOR MACDONALD, OF DRUMNAKILN. 8th March 1791.
Apprentice to William Macdonald.—Third son of Coll Macdonald of Boisdale, Inverness-shire. *Died* 14th September 1828. *Mar.* 13th July 1793, Jean, daughter of Robert Buchanan of Drumnakiln and Ross Priory, whose name he assumed. Principal Clerk of Session, 17th May 1805 till death.
- BUCHANAN, JOHN.
Signs Minute of 16th December 1594. *Died* 23d October 1611.
- BUCHANAN, JOHN. 13th December 1723.
Apprentice to Robert Campbell of Balvie.—*Mar.* December 1723, Mary, daughter of Ronald Campbell of Balerno, W.S. Solicitor to Board of Customs.
- BUCHANAN, MUNGO, OF AUCHENTORLIE. 4th November 1695.
Apprentice to John Cuninghame.—Third son of Mungo Buchanan of Tillichewan, Dumbartonshire. *Died* 3d April 1710. *Mar.* 22d January 1687, Anna Barclay.
- BUCHANAN, WILLIAM, OF ARDOCH. 23d November 1802.
Apprentice to (1) George Johnston; and (2) Frederick Fotheringham.—Son of Thomas Buchanan of Ardoch, Hatter in Glasgow. *Born* 1777. *Died* 1864. *Mar.* 14th September 1803, Hon. Elizabeth Murray, daughter of Alexander, seventh Lord Elibank. Art Critic, and Author of *Memoirs of Painting*.
- BUDGE, JAMES. 7th June 1722.
Third son of Donald Budge of Toftingall, Caithness. *Died* before 1750.
- BUDGE, WILLIAM, OF TOFTINGALL. 21st August 1745.
Apprentice to James Budge.—Son of David Budge, tutor of Toftingall. *Died* 28th September 1765. *Mar.* Katherine, third daughter of Alexander Sinclair of Olig, Caithness.
- BUICK, PATRICK REID. 26th October 1888.
Apprentice to T. E. O. Horne, Thomas Horne, and David Lyell.—Son of Major John Henry Buick, Pulteneytown. *Born* 21st September 1863.
- BURD, MELVILLE. 28th February 1811.
Apprentice to John Campbell *tertius*.—Son of Melville Burd, Farmer in Dalkeith. *Died* 5th September 1829, aged 45.
- BURN, GEORGE. 17th March 1864.
Apprentice to Donald Horne.—Son of James Burn, W.S. *Born* 16th August 1828. *Died* 19th September 1878, unmarried.
- BURN, HENRY JOHN. 4th July 1823.
Apprentice to (1) John B. Brodie and (2) Michael Linning.—Son of Robert Burn, Architect in Edinburgh. *Born* 7th April 1798. *Died* 10th January 1867. *Mar.* 10th June 1845, Charlotte Barbara, youngest daughter of Sir Thomas Kirkpatrick of Closeburn, Bart.

- BURN, JAMES.** 23d June 1817.
Apprentice to Robert Hill.—Son of George Burn, Factor to Henry Glassford at Netherwood. *Died* 24th November 1863, aged 70. *Mar.* 6th August 1827, Margaret, daughter of James Heugh of Gartcows.
- BURN, ROBERT.** 29th May 1818.
Apprentice to James Forman.—Only son of David Burn, one of the Teachers of the Grammar School, Stirling. *Died* 16th January 1861, aged 71.
- BURNESS, JAMES.** 11th July 1867.
Apprentice to Thomas G. Mackay and Alexander Howe.—Son of Robert Burness, Writer in Montrose. *Born* 2d November 1840. *Mar.* 26th April 1872, Henrietta, daughter of William Ronaldson, Edinburgh.
- BURNET, GAVIN.** 12th August 1633.
Apprentice to Andrew Hay.—Youngest son of William Burnet of Barns, Peeblesshire. *Died* October 1660. *Mar.* Helen Ramsay.
- BURNET, ROBERT.** 21st December 1671.
Apprentice to John Trotter.—Eldest son of Gavin Burnet, W.S. *Died* before 1721. *Mar.* Elizabeth Cockburn. Commissary of Peebles.
- BURNETT, ANDREW, OF KIRKHILL.** 21st December 1730.
Youngest son of Thomas Burnett of Kirkhill, Advocate, Regent of Marischal College, Aberdeen.—*Born* 1709. *Died* 20th August 1776. *Mar.* April 1767, Ann Burnett of Burnetfield.
- BURNETT, ALEXANDER EDWIN.** 24th March 1873.
Apprentice to Archibald Watson Goldie.—Third son of Sir James Horn Burnett of Leys, Bart., W.S. *Born* 17th December 1842.
- BURNETT, SIR JAMES HORN, OF LEYS, BART.** 9th July 1824.
Apprentice to John Morison.—Fifth son of Sir Robert Burnett of Leys, Bart. *Born* 21st June 1801. *Died* 16th September 1876. *Mar.* (1) 3d February 1831, Caroline Margaret, daughter of Charles Spearman of Thornley Hall, Durham; and (2) 12th July 1837, his cousin Lauderdale, daughter of Sir Alexander Ramsay of Balmain, Bart., and widow of David Duncan of Rosemount, Forfarshire.
- BURNETT, ROBERT.** 7th June 1821.
Apprentice to (1) James Gibson; and (2) William Gardner.—Son of William Burnett, Factor at Crathes to Sir Robert Burnett of Leys. *Died* 9th August 1828.
- BURNS, ALEXANDER.** 9th March 1813.
Apprentice to Archibald Ferrier.—Seventh surviving son of John Burns, Surveyor of Customs at Bo'ness. *Died* 14th October 1832, aged 45, unmarried.

- BURNS, THOMAS, OF LONGCROFT.** 22d February 1793.
Apprentice to Walter Scott.—Youngest son of James Burns of Glenfour. *Died*
December 1858, aged 88. *Mar.* Anne Reoch.
- BURNS, THOMAS CHARLES.** 22d June 1837.
Apprentice to John Archibald Campbell.—Only son of Thomas Burns, W.S.
Born 7th January 1814. *Died* 1848. *Mar.* 20th April 1837, Jane, only daughter
of John Livingston Campbell of Achalader, Argyllshire.
- BURNSIDE, JAMES.** 22d November 1821.
Apprentice to William Drysdale.—Son of John Burnside, Merchant in Glasgow.
Died 12th August 1854, aged 60, unmarried.
- BUTTER, JAMES.** 23d June 1817.
Apprentice to William Drysdale.—Son of Thomas Butter of Craigbea. *Died*
29th August 1824.
- CADDELL, WILLIAM, OF FOSSOCHIE.** 22d September 1713.
Died 3d November 1724. Clerk, 21st January 1711.
- CADELL, LEWIS IRVING.** 16th July 1889.
Apprentice to J. O. Mackenzie, Harry Cheyne, and John Kermack.—Son of
Henry Cadell of Grange and Banton. *Born* 8th December 1865.
- CADELL, WILLIAM, OF BANTON.** 6th June 1833.
Apprentice to Alexander Young.—Eldest son of James John Cadell of Grange,
Linlithgowshire. *Born* 8th October 1810. *Died* 4th May 1862. *Mar.* 16th
August 1847, Mary Robinson, daughter of John Rodford, Edinburgh.
- CAIRNS, HENRY.** 6th July 1854.
Apprentice to Walter Jollie.—Son of George Cairns, Solicitor at Law. *Born*
21st June 1831. *Mar.* 23d September 1879, Jane Stewart, daughter of Alexander
Morton, Banker, Edinburgh.
- CAIRNS, JOHN BOYD.** 14th July 1853.
Apprentice to Donald Horne.—Eldest son of John Cairns, Writer in Edinburgh.
Born 12th August 1827.
- CALVERT, JOHN RUTHERFORD.** 4th June 1829.
Apprentice to Thomas Mackenzie.—Son of James Calvert, Teacher in the Academy
of Montrose. *Died* 12th December 1854, aged 50, unmarried.
- CAMERON, ALEXANDER.** 8th March 1838.
Apprentice to David Brown.—Son of Allan Cameron, Engraver in Edinburgh.
Born 26th March 1803. *Died* at Melbourne 31st March 1841. *Mar.* Anne
Watson.

- CAMERON, SIR DUNCAN, OF FASSIEFERN, BART.** 12th August 1799.
Apprentice to James Fraser.—Second son of Sir Ewen Cameron of Fassiefern, Argyllshire, Bart. *Born* 1770. *Died* 15th January 1863, unmarried. Succeeded his father as second Baronet, October 1828.
- CAMERON, RALPH COMPTON.** 13th July 1887.
Apprentice to David Wardlaw.—Son of Alexander Cameron of Mainhouse, Elginshire. *Born* 2d September 1861.
- CAMPBELL, ALEXANDER.** 8th July 1796.
Apprentice to James Ferrier.—Second son of Sir Ilay Campbell of Succoth, Bart., Lord President of the Court of Session. *Died* 26th October 1799, unmarried.
- CAMPBELL, ARCHIBALD.** 22d July 1720.
Apprentice to Ronald Campbell.—Eldest son of John Campbell, W.S. *Died* December 1727. *Mar.* (1) April 1710, Jean, daughter of George Alexander of Peppermiln, Advocate; and (2) Helen, daughter of John Ayton of Kinaldie.
- CAMPBELL, ARCHIBALD, OF SUCCOTH.** 5th February 1728.
Apprentice to Hew Crawford.—Second son of William Campbell of Succoth, Dumbartonshire. *Died* 28th July 1790. *Mar.* February 1732, Helen, daughter of John Wallace of Elderslie. Commissary of Glasgow. Deputy Keeper of the Great Seal. Principal Clerk of Session, 2d March 1770 to 4th March 1785.
- CAMPBELL, ARCHIBALD.** 19th June 1812.
Apprentice to John Campbell, Junr.—Son of William Campbell of Duneaves, Perthshire. *Died* 28th January 1823.
- CAMPBELL, ARCHIBALD BROWN.** 13th January 1890.
Apprentice to James Mylne.—Son of John Campbell, S.S.C. *Born* 23d September 1865.
- CAMPBELL, ARTHUR, OF CATRINE.** 23d November 1813.
Apprentice to John Hunter.—Fourth son of Arthur Campbell of Auchmannoch, Ayrshire. *Born* 15th July 1788. *Died* 3d March 1875. *Mar.* 31st August 1825, Jane, daughter of Thomas Barstow, of Kelso.
- CAMPBELL, ARTHUR, OF CATRINE.** 14th November 1850.
Apprentice to (1) W. C. Balderston, J. Scott, and W. Brand; and (2) John Scott.—Son of Arthur Campbell of Catrine, W.S. *Born* 27th December 1827. *Died* 8th July 1884. *Mar.* 26th December 1851, Cecilia, third daughter of George Cleghorn of Weens, Roxburghshire, W.S.
- CAMPBELL, COLIN, OF CARWHIN.** 9th February 1686.
Apprentice to George Dallas.—Third son of Colin Campbell of Mochaster, Perthshire. *Born* 18th December 1652. *Died* 31st January 1715, unmarried.

- CAMPBELL, DAVID, OF BELMONT. 1st December 1755.
Apprentice to Alexander Robertson.—Second son of John Campbell of Barcaldine, Argyllshire. *Mar.* March 1756, Jean, daughter of Archibald Campbell, Edinburgh. Resigned his Commission 14th March 1775.
- CAMPBELL, DAVID. 8th June 1826.
Apprentice to Craufurd Tait.—Third son of Archibald Campbell of Askomell, Argyllshire. *Died* 24th December 1848, aged 58. *Mar.* 16th December 1819, Agnes, youngest daughter of Alexander Pollock of Whitehill. Captain in 94th Regiment previous to admission.
- CAMPBELL, GEORGE, OF CONDORRAT. 18th January 1886.
Apprentice to (1) A. F. Adam and W. C. MacEwen; (2) Arthur Campbell; and (3) A. H. Cooper.—Second son of Arthur Campbell of Catrine, W.S. *Born* 18th December 1862.
- CAMPBELL, GEORGE MUIR. 16th January 1798.
Apprentice to (1) William Campbell and (2) Hugh Corrie.—Third son of William Campbell of Crawfordton, W.S. *Born* 1773. *Died* 20th January 1836. *Mar.* Agnes, daughter of — Fergusson, Writer in Wigtown.
- CAMPBELL, JAMES, OF GARNOCK. 3rd March 1629.
Apprentice to William Cunningham.—Son of Hugh Campbell of Hullerhurst, Ayrshire. Re-admitted 21st November 1661.
- CAMPBELL, JAMES. 14th June 1791.
Apprentice to John Campbell.—Second son of Farquhar Campbell of Lagganloch, Writer in Islay. *Died* 6th December 1805. *Mar.* Jean, daughter of John Moubray, Wright and Builder in Edinburgh.
- CAMPBELL, JOHN, OF SUCCOTH. 4th June 1674.
Apprentice to Richard Guthrie.—Son of William Campbell of Succoth, Dumbartonshire. *Mar.* (1) Janet Hamilton; and (2) Agnes, youngest daughter of William Stirling of Law, Dumbartonshire. *Died* about 1694. M.P. for Argyllshire, 1681-82.
- CAMPBELL, JOHN. 14th December 1691.
Apprentice to George Dallas.—Son of Captain John Campbell, younger son of Sir John Campbell of Calder. *Died* April 1699. *Mar.* Elizabeth Campbell.
- CAMPBELL, JOHN, OF THE CITADEL. 19th July 1779.
Apprentice to David Erskine.—Eldest son of John Campbell, first Cashier of the Royal Bank. *Born* 20th December 1753. *Died* at Geneva 11th August 1829. *Mar.* (1) 18th November 1779, Helen, daughter of John Callander of Craigforth; (2) 8th January 1787, Margaret, daughter of John Campbell of Clathick; and (3) 6th August 1801, Sophia, daughter of Duncan Stewart of Ardshiel, Argyllshire.

- CAMPBELL, JOHN.** 24th November 1785.
Apprentice to Colquhoun Grant.—Eldest son of John Campbell, Collector of Excise for the district of Inverness. *Died* 14th February 1821.
- CAMPBELL, JOHN, OF ANNFIELD.** 24th January 1792.
Apprentice to John Campbell.—Son of John Campbell of Annfield, Writer in Stirling. *Died* 9th January 1855, aged 84. *Mar.* 29th December 1794, Frances, youngest daughter of John Brown, Merchant, Glasgow.
- CAMPBELL, JOHN KIRKPATRICK, OF GLENFEOCHAN.** 25th November 1796.
Apprentice to John Campbell, Junr.—Son of Archibald Campbell of Jura, Argyllshire. *Died* 28th April 1826. *Mar.* 29th July 1817, Mary Kirkpatrick, only daughter of Alexander Campbell, of the island of Tobago.
- CAMPBELL, JOHN ARCHIBALD.** 22d February 1813.
Apprentice to Alexander Duncan and John Campbell.—Eldest son of John Campbell of The Citadel, W.S. *Born* 1788. *Died* 7th September 1866. *Mar.* 10th October 1822, Emma, daughter of Thomas Peter Legh, of Lyme, Chester. Sheriff-Clerk of Mid-Lothian, 1843-60.
- CAMPBELL, ORD GRAHAM.** 15th November 1838.
Apprentice to Andrew Tawse.—Youngest son of Archibald Graham Campbell of Shirvain, Argyllshire. *Born* 11th September 1816. *Died* 7th June 1890. *Mar.* 15th June 1858, Jeanette Ritchie, daughter of William Wallace of Busby.
- CAMPBELL, PATRICK, OF QUEENSHILL.** 8th March 1791.
Apprentice to William Campbell, his uncle.—Eldest son of William Campbell of Queenshill. *Born* 1764. *Died* 11th December 1836. *Mar.* 10th April 1800, Jane, eldest surviving daughter of David Maitland of Barcaple, Kirkcudbrightshire.
- CAMPBELL, PATRICK WILLIAM.** 20th October 1875.
Apprentice to (1) Robert Craigie Bell; and (2) James Mylne, Senior.—Eldest son of David Campbell, Mounthamilton, and Manager of the Royal Bank of Scotland, Ayr. *Born* 21st November 1850. *Mar.* 18th April 1883, Mary Walker, eldest daughter of John Fergusson Cathcart, Merchant, Leith.
- CAMPBELL, RICHARD, OF HELENTONMAINS AND AUCHENBRECK.** 3d March 1818.
Apprentice to Robert Cathcart.—Fourth son of Richard Campbell of Helenton-mains, Ayrshire. *Died* 27th July 1853, aged 59. *Mar.* 8th August 1834, Ann Glass, daughter of Archibald Douglas, Clángregor Castle.
- CAMPBELL, ROBERT, OF BALVIE.** 25th November 1701.
Apprentice to John Cuninghame.—Brother of John Campbell of Gorrie. *Died* February 1716. *Mar.* (1) June 1702, Anna, daughter of John Campbell of Succoth; and (2) before 1713, Anna, second daughter of William Colquhoun of Craigton, Dumbartonshire. Fiscal, 1703-10.

- CAMPBELL, ROBERT, OF SONACHAN. 21st May 1805.
Apprentice to H. M'D. Buchanan.—Eldest son of Donald Campbell of Sonachan, Argyllshire. *Born* 29th December 1779. *Died* 13th June 1877. *Mar.* 16th June 1815, Susan, only daughter of David Campbell of Combie, Argyllshire.
- CAMPBELL, RONALD, OF BALERNO. 15th August 1695.
Apprentice to John Campbell of Succoth. *Died* 30th August 1726. *Mar.* 25th March 1697, Margaret, daughter of James Hamilton of Hetherrick, East-Lothian. Deputy Keeper of the Signet, 1725-1726.
- CAMPBELL, WILLIAM, OF CRAWFORDTON. 4th August 1777.
Apprentice to George Muir, his uncle.—Eldest son of Dr. Patrick Campbell, Physician in Wigtown. *Died* 6th May 1794. *Mar.* (1) Miss M'Murdo; and (2) 14th May 1793, Lydia, daughter of the Rev. John Collow, Minister of Penpont.
- CAMPBELL, WILLIAM. 8th July 1800.
Apprentice to Archibald Gibson.—Second son of Sir James Campbell of Aberuchil, Bart. *Born* 1776. *Died* 28th April 1849. *Mar.* (1) 5th January 1804, Eliza, daughter of William Hunter of Glenormiston; and (2) 25th October 1820, Jane, second daughter of Hugh Cleghorn of Stravithie, Fifeshire.
- CAMPBELL, WILLIAM, OF QUEENSHILL. 29th June 1826.
Apprentice to James Dundas.—Eldest son of Patrick Campbell of Queenshill, W.S. *Born* 15th February 1801. *Died* 8th October 1863, unmarried.
- CAMPBELL, WILLIAM BOWIE STEWART, OF CLOICHFOLDICH. 4th March 1826.
Apprentice to John Bowie.—Son of Major Alexander Campbell of Glenfalloch. *Born* 1803. *Died* 11th June 1847. *Mar.* (1) 16th March 1830, Sarah Priscilla, only daughter of J. Fearnside, London; and (2) 5th April 1838, Janet W. Maxwell, only child of Robert Stewart of Cloichfoldich, Perthshire.
- CANNAN, HORATIUS, OF BARLAY. 18th November 1784.
Apprentice to Robert Boswell. Only son of John Cannan of Barlay, Kirkcudbrightshire. *Died* 17th April 1825, aged 68. *Mar.*
- CANNAN, HORATIUS. 17th November 1825.
Apprentice to, and third son of, Horatius Cannan, W.S. *Died* 18th February 1843, aged 55, unmarried.
- CARGILL, JAMES. 18th November 1784.
Apprentice to James Stewart.—Son of Walter Cargill, Merchant in Dunkeld. *Mar.* —, daughter of William Jamieson, Architect in Edinburgh. Resigned his Commission 23d March 1795.
- CARGILL, ROBERT. 10th July 1812.
Apprentice to Hugh Watson.—Son of James Cargill, W.S. *Died* 21st February 1867.

- CARMICHAEL, ALEXANDER. 13th April 1650.
Died June 1658. *Mar.* Judith Nairne.
- CARMICHAEL, ARCHIBALD. 23d December 1723.
 Apprentice to William Kelso.—*Died* April 1743.
- CARMICHAEL, JAMES, OF HAILES. 30th June 1741.
 Apprentice to Hugh Somerville.—Second son of the Hon. William Carmichael of Skirling, Advocate. *Died* 12th January 1781. *Mar.* 16th April 1750, Jenny, youngest daughter of Sir John Clerk of Penicuik, Bart.
- CARNEGIE, JAMES. 16th August 1665.
 Apprentice to James Allane.—Son of Robert Carnegie of Newgate, Forfarshire.
- CARNEGIE, JAMES, OF EDROM NEWTON. 22d December 1825.
 Apprentice to Francis Walker.—Son of John Carnegie, tenant in Hailes. *Born* 1799. *Died* 23d April 1883, unmarried.
- CARNEGIE, ROBERT. 11th March 1670.
 Apprentice to James Allane.—Son of Sir Alexander Carnegie of Pittarrow, Bart. *Died* September 1670.
- CARNEGY, JAMES.
See GARDYNE, JAMES CARNEGY.
- CARSTAIRS, ROBERT, OF RADERNIE. 9th December 1687.
 Apprentice to William Hamilton.—Son of John Carstairs of Cassingray, Fifeshire. *Born* 1645. *Died* August 1705. *Mar.* 1679, Esther, daughter of Thomas Mills of Millhouse, Stafford.
- CASS, JOHN. 22d December 1610.
Mar. 17th August 1603, Christian, daughter of William Kellie, W.S.
- CASS, RICHARD, OF FORDELL. Commissioner, 16th December 1594.—Son of Robert Cass of Fordell, Mid-Lothian. *Died* 3d February 1632.
- CASSELLS, ALEXANDER. 10th June 1830.
 Apprentice to James and Charles Nairne.—Fourth son of John Cassells of Arnprior, Perthshire. *Born* 1808. *Died* 10th March 1875. *Mar.* 25th October 1838, Catherine, daughter of John Walker, Bellsbank, Dalmellington.
- CATHCART, DANIEL. 29th December 1658.
 Apprentice to Robert Wallace, Richard Guthrie, and Hugh Paterson.—Son of William Cathcart of Waterheid, Ayrshire. Warrant to pay his funeral expenses, 23d November 1686. Re-admitted 13th January 1662.
- CATHCART, DAVID. 16th May 1822.
 Apprentice to George Russell.—Third son of David Cathcart of Auchendrane, Ayrshire, Lord Alloway, one of the Senators of the College of Justice. *Born* 2d December 1798. *Died* 1st January 1867, unmarried.

- CATHCART, ROBERT, OF DRUM.** 25th November 1796.
Apprentice to (1) Andrew Mackenzie; and (2) Kenneth Mackenzie.—Younger son of Robert Cathcart of Genoch. *Born* 22d June 1773. *Died* 18th November 1812. *Mar.* 16th October 1797, Anne, daughter of John Cadell of Cockenzie.
- CATHCART, ROBERT ALFRED.** 13th November 1849.
Apprentice to Thomas Macpherson Grant.—Eldest son of Elias Cathcart of Auchendrane. *Born* 3d February 1825. *Died* 15th February 1855, unmarried.
- CAUVIN, JOSEPH.** 24th November 1785.
Apprentice to William Aytoun.—Eldest son of Louis Cauvin, Teacher of French in Edinburgh. *Died* 23d November 1815. *Mar.* 20th April 1787, Ester, only daughter of Dr. Henry Cunningham.
- CAY, JOHN.** 3d July 1851.
Apprentice to James Gillespie Davidson.—Eldest son of John Cay, Advocate. *Born* 13th July 1820. *Mar.* 21st July 1857, Geddes Elizabeth, youngest daughter of Thomas Mackenzie of Applecross, Ross-shire.
- CAY, ROBERT DUNDAS.** 7th March 1833.
Apprentice to David Welsh.—Youngest son of Robert Hodshon Cay, of North Charlton, Judge of the High Court of Admiralty. *Born* 20th August 1807. *Died* 19th March 1888. *Mar.* 29th October 1835, Isabella, fourth daughter of William Dyce, of Cuttlehill, Aberdeenshire, M.D. Registrar of Supreme Court, Hong-Kong, 1844-55.
- CHALMER, JOHN MUIR, OF GADGIRTH.** 7th January 1756.
Apprentice to John Macfarlane.—Son of John Muir of Ayr, and nephew of John Chalmer of Gadgirth. *Born* 24th July 1726. *Died* 5th May 1774. *Mar.* Elizabeth Farquhar, of Edinburgh. Assumed name of Chalmer 1764.
- CHALMER, WILLIAM.** 3d December 1636.
Apprentice to Robert Pringle.—Son of George Chalmer of Auldquhat. *Died* January 1668. *Mar.* (1) daughter of Daniel Melville, W.S.; and (2) 13th May 1651, Isobell Garvie. Re-admitted 21st November 1661.
- CHALMERS, ALEXANDER HENDERSON.** 6th July 1854.
Apprentice to James Mackenzie, J. B. Innes, and John Logan.—Son of Charles Chalmers of Monkshill, Advocate in Aberdeen. *Born* 30th September 1830. *Died* 6th November 1871. *Mar.* 27th October 1870, Meylia Jessie Marjory Williamson, eldest daughter of Patrick Sinclair Laing, Deputy Inspector-General of Hospitals, Elgin.
- CHALMERS, CHARLES, OF PORTLETHIN.** 20th October 1704.
Apprentice to William Thomson.—Second son of Mr. James Chalmers, Professor of Philosophy in the Marischal College of Aberdeen; killed fighting for King James at Sheriffmuir, 13th November 1715. *Mar.* (1) Jean, daughter of Alexander Boog of Burnhouses, Berwickshire; and (2) Helen, daughter of Alexander Young, Bishop of Edinburgh. Captain in the Scots Guards, but sold his Commission, 1714.

- CHALMERS, GEORGE.** 3d October 1723.
Apprentice to Thomas Gibson.—*Died* 9th December 1758. *Mar.* October 1729, Elizabeth, daughter of Colin Arthur of Ballein.
- CHALMERS, JAMES.** 25th June 1764.
Apprentice to (1) Alexander Tait; and (2) John Mackenzie.—Son of Andrew Chalmers, Writer in Edinburgh. *Died* 20th November 1830, aged 89. *Mar.*
- CHALMERS, JAMES HAY.** 26th June 1856.
Apprentice to Archibald Watson Goldie.—Son of Rev. Peter Chalmers, Minister of the First Charge, Dunfermline. *Born* 10th January 1829. *Died* 21st June 1860. *Mar.* 23d August 1859, Marion Morrison, elder daughter of Alexander Hay of Hardengreen, Mid-Lothian, W.S.
- CHALMERS, JOHN.** 10th March 1813.
Apprentice to Bain Whyt.—Eldest son of Thomas Chalmers, Locksmith in Potterrow. *Born* 1784. *Died* 18th March 1833, unmarried.
- CHALMERS, THOMAS.** 19th March 1888.
Apprentice to J. W. Young and John Blair.—Younger son of Thomas Chalmers of Longcroft, Linlithgowshire. *Born* 10th January 1863.
- CHANCELLOR, EDWARD.** 26th June 1856.
Apprentice to John Dundas, William Wilson, and A. M. Bell.—Fifth son of Alexander Chancellor of Shieldhill, Lanarkshire. *Born* 22d September 1828. *Mar.* 17th April 1866, Ann Helen, only daughter of John Robert Tod, W.S.
- CHANCELLOR, GEORGE.** 17th July 1851.
Apprentice to Alexander Hamilton.—Third son of Alexander Chancellor of Shieldhill. *Born* 7th September 1825. *Died* 4th April 1875. *Mar.* 20th June 1861, Katherine Elizabeth, youngest daughter of George Skene of Rubislaw.
- CHAPLANE, ALEXANDER, OF COLLISTON.** 13th January 1673.
Apprentice to James Cheyne.—Eldest son of Robert Chaplane, Town-Clerk Depute, Dundee. *Died* April 1695. *Mar.* (1) Agnes Smyth; and (2) Magdalene, daughter of Henry Killoch. *Fiscal*, 1683-4.
- CHARTERIS, HENRY.** 29th July 1633.
Apprentice to James Stratoun.—Son of Henry Charteris, Primar of Edinburgh College. *Died* October 1641. *Mar.* 14th November 1632, Mawaisa Henrieson, niece of Charles Hamilton, Merchant Burgess of Edinburgh.
- CHARTERIS, JAMES.** 5th September 1671.
Apprentice to John Alexander, elder.—Son of William Charteris of Auchinstrowan.
- CHARTERS, WILLIAM.** 23d November 1655.
Apprentice to Quintine Kennedy.—*Died* about 1677. *Mar.* Isobel Kennedy. Re-admitted 11th April 1661.

CHEYNE, HARRY, OF GIRLESTA.

19th March 1868.

Apprentice to, and son of, Henry Cheyne, W.S.—*Born* 2d March 1845. *Mar.* 20th July 1876, Dora, daughter of George Todd Chiene, C.A. Edinburgh.

CHEYNE, HENRY.

19th November 1829.

Apprentice to Joseph Gordon.—Eldest son of John Cheyne of Tangwick, Shetland. *Born* 24th August 1804. *Died* 27th February 1868. *Mar.* 7th May 1840, Barbara, eldest daughter of William Hay of Laxfirth, Shetland. Clerk to the Admission of Notaries, 1855-68.

CHEYNE, JAMES.

8th March 1642.

Apprentice to Robert Pringle.—Son of Walter Cheyne in Tillibin. Re-admitted 21st November 1661.

CHEYNE, JAMES.

12th September 1706.

Apprentice to William Thomson.—*Died* 8th April 1729. *Mar.* (1) September 1713, Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Charles Maitland of Pitrichie, Aberdeenshire; and (2) November 1724, Barbara, daughter of Robert Ross of Achlossan, Aberdeenshire, and widow of Captain Francis Forbes.

CHEYNE, JAMES AUCHINLECK, OF OXENDEAN AND KILMARON.

3d March 1818.

Apprentice to (1) Robert Cathcart; and (2) John Kermack.—Son of Ninian Richard Cheyne, Bookseller in Edinburgh. *Died* 21st June 1853, aged 58. *Mar.* (1) 16th August 1821, Margaret Blair, daughter of Andrew McKean, Edinburgh; and (2) 29th April 1834, Frances Charlton, daughter of James Sprott, of Chittagong, Bengal.

CHIESLEY, JOHN.

20th August 1697.

Apprentice to John Knox.—Grandson of Walter Chiesley of Dalry. Deprived of his Commission 24th December 1707, for repeated contraventions of the Acts.

CHIESLIE, WILLIAM, OF COCKBURN.

4th August 1662.

Apprentice to John Semple.—Son of John Chieslie, Minister at Quodquen, in the Sheriffdom of Lanark. *Died* 13th February 1704, aged 70. *Mar.* Agnes, daughter of Samuel Rutherford, Principal of St. Mary's College, St. Andrews.

CHILD, WILLIAM ARUNDALE.

18th November 1825.

Apprentice to (1) Archibald Crauford; and (2) James Dunlop.—Son of William Child of Glencorse, Merchant in Edinburgh. *Died* at Tobago, 20th October 1861, aged 58. *Mar.* 21st February 1856, Amelia White. Stipendiary Magistrate of island of Tobago.

CHRISTIAN, JAMES.

12th February 1829.

Apprentice to George Hogarth.—Son of Peter Christian, Writer in Stonehaven. *Born* 1801. *Died* 11th August 1876. *Mar.* 8th July 1839, Robina, youngest daughter of Robert Renton, Edinburgh. Sheriff-Clerk of Kincardineshire, 1861-76.

- CHRISTIE, JAMES, OF WHYTHOUSE. 30th December 1647.
Apprentice to Robert Kirkwood.—Nephew of David Christie of Over Stenton,
Died November 1670. Re-admitted 21st November 1661.
- CHRISTIE, JOHN COCKBURN. 8th February 1838.
Apprentice to George Turnbull.—Son of David Christie, Writer in Edinburgh.
Born 29th April 1812. *Died* 29th August 1880. *Mar.* October 1842, his cousin,
Helen, daughter of Hector Christie of Lenton, Nottingham. Keeper of the
Register of Deeds, etc., 1869-73. Deputy-Keeper of the Records, 1873-80.
- CHRISTIE, ROBERT LINDSAY BRUCE STARK. 11th December 1856.
Apprentice to Charles Morton.—Second son of Robert Stark Christie of Teasses,
Fife. *Born* 18th December 1832. *Died* 27th December 1889. *Mar.* 25th November
1868, Julianne Cockburn, daughter of Captain Alexander Scott, 72d Regiment.
- CHRISTIE, WALTER CROSS BUCHANAN. 15th July 1889.
Apprentice to Charles Morton and John Neilson.—Elder son of Thomas Craig
Christie of Bedlay and Petershill, Lanarkshire. *Born* 5th December 1862.
- CHRISTISON, JOHN. 25th November 1858.
Apprentice to James Hope, Robert Oliphant, and Robert Mackay.—Son of Sir
Robert Christison, Bart., M.D. *Born* 14th October 1832.
- CLAPPERTON, GEORGE. 12th December 1793.
Apprentice to William Aytoun.—Son of William Clapperton, Merchant in Edin-
burgh. *Died* 1st August 1814.
- CLAPPERTON, THOMAS. 2d November 1881.
Apprentice to W. Traquair, W. T. Dickson, and T. S. MacLaren.—Son of John
Clapperton, Merchant in Gorebridge. *Born* 15th September 1857.
- CLARK, GEORGE BENNET. 30th May 1878.
Apprentice to J. B. Innes and John and Charles B. Logan.—Son of William
Bennet Clark, Advocate. *Born* 8th May 1853. *Mar.* 28th December 1882,
Harriet Sophia, daughter of Dr. Martin, Edinburgh.
- CLARK, JOHN. 29th July 1695.
Apprentice to Robert Bell.—*Mar.* Janet Paterson.
- CLARK, WILLIAM. 7th July 1803.
Apprentice to Craufurd Tait.—Eldest son of David Clark, Merchant in Edin-
burgh. *Died* 8th November 1863, aged 84. *Mar.* 29th August 1814, Margaret,
daughter of the Rev. William Bennet, minister of Duddingston. Sheriff-
Substitute of Clackmannanshire, 1832-52.
- CLARK, WILLIAM MORTIMER. 17th February 1859.
Apprentice to John Scott.—Son of John Clark, Manager of the Aberdeen Insur-
ance Company. *Born* 24th May 1836. *Mar.* 22d November 1866, Helen, daughter
of Gilbert Gordon, Peterborough. Called to Bar of Ontario 1867. Chairman,
Knox College; and Member of Senate, University of Toronto. Q.C. 1890.

- CLARKE, ALLAN, OF WOODSIDE. 29th June 1759.
Apprentice to Andrew Wallace.—Son of William Clarke, Merchant in Linlithgow.
Died 8th January 1810.
- CLASON, ANDREW, OF HALLYARDS. 5th December 1811.
Apprentice to Sir William Drysdale.—Son of the Rev. Robert Clason, Minister of Logie. *Born* 26th April 1787. *Died* 23d September 1850, unmarried.
- CLEGHORN, DAVID. 8th July 1800.
Apprentice to Charles Bremner.—Son of Thomas Cleghorn, Inspector-General of Imports and Exports for Scotland. *Born* 13th November 1775. *Died* 24th October 1840, unmarried. Crown Agent, 1833-35, 1837-40.
- CLEGHORN, GEORGE, OF WEENS. 6th December 1804.
Apprentice to William Macdonald.—Second son of Thomas Cleghorn, Coach-maker in Edinburgh. *Born* 1780. *Died* 7th July 1855. *Mar.* 5th February 1822, Marion Catherine, third daughter of John Dalton of Sleningsford Park, Yorks. Author of *Remarks on Ancient and Modern Art*, 1837.
- CLEPHANE, HENRY. 30th January 1798.
Apprentice to William Lumsdaine.—Fifth son of George Clephane of Carslogie, Fifeshire. *Died* 18th October 1818.
- CLERK, MALCOLM HENRY. 20th April 1877.
Apprentice to J. M. Lindsay, Alexander Howe, and William Macgillivray.—Third son of John Clerk, Q.C. *Born* 14th May 1853. *Died* in Ceylon 11th May 1890, unmarried.
- COCKBURN, GEORGE. 8th December 1697.
Apprentice to Laurence Oliphant.—Son of James Cockburn, Provost of Haddington. *Mar.* Elizabeth Wallace.
- COCKBURN, THOMAS, OF ROWCHESTER. 18th January 1749.
Apprentice to (1) James Home; and (2) Andrew Wallace.—Third son of David Cockburn, Bailie of Langton, Berwickshire. *Born* 1723. *Died* 13th July 1787. *Mar.* December 1752, Agnes, only child of John Scott of Belford. Deputy-Keeper of the Great Seal.
- COLDSTREAM, JOHN PHILIPS. 14th November 1866.
Apprentice to (1) Robert Blair Maconochie and W. J. Menzies; and (2) R. B. Maconochie.—Second son of John Coldstream, M.D., Edinburgh. *Born* 6th June 1842. *Mar.* 25th April 1871, Emily, second daughter of George Rawson, Lanesfield, Bristol, and widow of James Henderson, M.D., Shanghai. Assistant Clerk of Session, 1872-86. Author of *Procedure in the Court of Session*, 1878.
- COLQUHOUN, GEORGE, OF BALHARTIE. 1st February 1664.
Apprentice to George Cruickshank.—*Died* about 1691. *Mar.* (1) 5th December 1657, Christian Watson; and (2) 12th July 1667, Isobel Henderson.

- COLQUHOUN, JAMES. 17th March 1797.
Apprentice to William Blair.—Son of Robert Colquhoun, Farmer at Touch.
Died 29th June 1797.
- COLQUHOUN, WILLIAM DALZELL, OF GARSCADDEN. 9th July 1789.
Apprentice to David Erskin.—Son of David Dalzell, Merchant in Glasgow. *Died*
28th January 1806. *Mar.* 16th December 1801, Elizabeth Glen, youngest daughter
of Sir Ilay Campbell of Succoth, Bart. Assumed name of Colquhoun, 1801.
- COMBE, GEORGE. 31st January 1812.
Apprentice to Alexander Dallas.—Third son of George Combe, Brewer in
Edinburgh. *Born* 21st October 1788. *Died* 14th August 1858. *Mar.* 25th
September 1833, Cecilia, daughter of Mrs. Siddons, Tragedian. Author of the
Constitution of Man, and other works on Phrenology.
- COMRIE, PATRICK. 8th March 1704.
Resigned his Commission 27th June 1751.
- CONNELL, ARCHIBALD. 28th June 1821.
Apprentice to James Hope.—Second son of John Connell, Advocate. *Born* 1798.
Died 14th March 1843, unmarried.
- CONNELL, JAMES, OF CONHEATH. 18th June 1829.
Apprentice to John and Walter Ferrier.—Only son of James Connell of Conheath,
Dumfriesshire. *Born* 1805. *Died* 12th February 1876. *Mar.* (1) 20th April
1848, Isabella Lydia, daughter of Thomas Corrie, W.S.; and (2) 28th April 1864,
Matilda Hay, widow of Major-General Cox.
- CONSTABLE, NELSON BRIGGS. 28th January 1881.
Apprentice to (1) Henry Inglis; (2) R. W. Wallace; and (3) J. A. Trail.—Son of
William Briggs Constable of Benarty, Fife and Kinross. *Born* 24th June 1854.
- COOK, CHARLES. 3d August 1876.
Apprentice to, and son of, John Cook, W.S.—*Born* 18th August 1850.
- COOK, HENRY. 30th November 1871.
Apprentice to, and son of, John Cook, W.S.—*Born* 28th July 1848. *Mar.* 17th
June 1879, Margaret, daughter of John Patten, W.S.
- COOK, JOHN.
Signs the Acts 26th December 1627.
- COOK, JOHN. 10th March 1836.
Apprentice to, and eldest son of, Walter Cook, W.S.—*Born* 21st May 1813. *Mar.*
12th October 1842, Margaret Sophia, daughter of Lieut.-General Sir John Hope,
G.C.H. Collector of Widows' Fund, 1861.

COOK, WALTER.

18th May 1801.

Apprentice to James Ferrier.—Son of Rev. John Cook of Newburn, Professor of Moral Philosophy in the University of St. Andrews. *Born* 24th June 1776. *Died* 17th February 1861. *Mar.* (1) 12th October 1809, Johanna, second daughter of John Moncreiffe of Sauchopwood; and (2) 12th June 1820, Mary, second daughter of Alexander Chrystie of Balchrystie. Collector of Widows' Fund, 1828-61.

COOPER, ALEXANDER HILL.

20th April 1877.

Apprentice to Frederick Pitman.—Younger son of William Cooper of Failford, Ayrshire. *Born* 22d January 1852. *Mar.* 27th July 1881, Cecilia, daughter of Henry Ritchie Cooper of Ballindalloch, Stirlingshire.

COOPER, GEORGE.

25th June 1770.

Apprentice to Archibald Stuart.—Second son of Richard Cooper, Civil Engineer in Edinburgh. *Died* 28th March 1777.

COOPER, WILLIAM, OF FAILFORD.

22d November 1832.

Apprentice to Walter Dickson and James Steuart.—Son of Samuel Cooper of Failford and Ballindalloch. *Born* 28th March 1808. *Died* 31st December 1880. *Mar.* (1) 30th July 1835, Isabella, daughter of Robert Clark of Comrie Castle, Perthshire; (2) 17th October 1845, Margaret, daughter of Rev. Alexander Hill, D.D., Professor of Divinity in the University of Glasgow.

CORMACK, JOHN BELL.

24th May 1827.

Apprentice to (1) James Saunders Robertson; and (2) James Arnott.—Son of Alexander Cormack, Merchant in Newfoundland. *Died* 1870.

CORNWALL, THOMAS.

10th December 1829.

Apprentice to Donald Horne.—Son of James Cornwall, Commissioner of Excise. *Born* 1803. *Died* 3d June 1833, unmarried.

CORRIE, HUGH, OF CULLOCH.

3d July 1772.

Apprentice to John Davidson.—Second son of James Corrie of Speddoch, Dumfriesshire. *Died* 1st June 1805. *Mar.* September 1772, Mary, daughter of the Rev. John Collow, Minister of Penpont.

CORRIE, THOMAS, OF STEILSTON.

3d March 1818.

Apprentice to James Gilchrist.—Only son of Hugh Corrie, W.S. *Died* 15th April 1859. *Mar.* 22d March 1814, Clementina Blair, youngest daughter of Lieut.-Colonel Andrew Ross, 31st Regiment. Admitted Advocate 14th December 1811. Manager of British Linen Company Bank, 1828-59.

COSENS, JOHN.

14th November 1851.

Apprentice to James Shepherd and T. M. Grant.—Son of the Rev. Peter Cosens, Minister of Lauder. *Born* 15th April 1827. *Died* 26th November 1857, unmarried.

- COSENS, PETER HUNTER. 20th October 1890.
Apprentice to D. S. Moncrieff and J. A. Traill.—Son of the Rev. Alexander Thomson Cosens, Minister of Broughton. *Born* 25th May 1864.
- COTTON, WILLIAM. 12th April 1886.
Apprentice to George Robertson and J. H. Finlay.—Son of William Cotton, residing in Edinburgh. *Born* 22d August 1863. *Mar.* 15th April 1889, Alice Maud, daughter of Thomas William Rose, Ealing, Middlesex.
- COUPER, ADAM, OF GOGAR.
Second son of James Couper of Gogar.—*Died* 3d December 1608. *Mar.* (1) Margaret Danielstoun, of the Colgrain family; and (2) 3d November 1607, Elizabeth Home. *Fiscal*, 1596-99. *Principal Clerk of Session*.
- COUPER, ALEXANDER, OF FOULFOORD.
Commissioner, 24th January 1642.—Third son of Adam Couper of Gogar, W.S. *Born* 15th November 1598. *Mar.* (1) Catherine Cochrane, of the family of Barbachlay; and (2) 24th August 1631, Isobel Rae.
- COUPER, JOHN GIBSON. 12th April 1886.
Apprentice to Robert Strathern.—Son of George Gordon Douglas Couper, residing in Edinburgh. *Born* 11th April 1861.
- COUPER, PETER. 6th June 1803.
Apprentice to John Campbell, *tertius*.—Son of Peter Couper, Shipmaster in Leith. *Died* 1854, aged 73. *Mar.* 27th March 1809, Mary, eldest daughter of Archibald Richardson, Merchant in Leith.
- COUTTS, THOMAS. 1st July 1611.
Apprentice to Thomas Young.—*Died* 28th April 1627. *Mar.* Elizabeth Booge.
- COVENTRY, HENRY JOHN. 17th July 1862.
Apprentice to Thomas Graham Murray.—Third son of the Rev. George Coventry of Shanwell, Kinross-shire. *Born* 5th June 1834. *Mar.* 19th September 1867, Mary Jane Douglas, third daughter of Michael Thomson Carmichael of Eastend.
- COWAN, ALEXANDER. 1st July 1828.
Apprentice to James and Charles Nairne.—Third son of Alexander Cowan, Papermaker at Valleyfield. *Born* 9th November 1804. *Died* at Bonn 11th December 1831, aged 27. *Mar.* 1st September 1829, Jane Annesley, daughter of Thomas Thompson, M.P. for Evesham.
- COWAN, HUGH. 17th January 1822.
Apprentice to Alexander Hunter.—Son of William Cowan of Corsehill, Banker in Ayr. *Born* 1798. *Died* 9th January 1835, unmarried.

- COWAN, JOHN. 28th June 1860
Apprentice to Patrick Dalmahoy.—Third son of John Cowan, Advocate, one of the Senators of the College of Justice. *Born* 14th December 1836. Commissioner of Lunacy for Scotland, 1881. Crown Agent, 1886. Fiscal, 20th December 1887.
- COWAN, RICHARD. 6th December 1803.
Apprentice to Harry Davidson.—Son of Robert Cowan, Merchant in Glasgow. *Born* 1780. *Died* 20th May 1837, unmarried.
- COWAN, ROBERT. 14th November 1833.
Apprentice to Richard Cowan.—Son of Walter Cowan, Merchant in Leith. *Born* 1st March 1809.
- COWAN, ROBERT BRUCE. 13th April 1885.
Apprentice to J. A. Jamieson, James Craik, and John W. Tod.—Son of John Cowan, of Greenock. *Born* 7th January 1861.
- COWIE, HENRY. 18th January 1749.
Apprentice to James Ramsay.—Eldest son of Archibald Cowie, Portioner of Pockneive, Stirlingshire. *Died* before 1754.
- COX, CHARLES THOMAS. 17th March 1890.
Apprentice to James H. Jameson.—Son of George Addison Cox of Invertrossachs, Perthshire. *Born* 8th June 1865.
- COX, ROBERT. 11th July 1832.
Apprentice to George Combe.—Son of Robert Cox of Gorgie Mill, Mid-Lothian. *Born* 25th February 1810. *Died* 3d February 1872, unmarried. Author of *Sabbath Laws and Sabbath Duties*, 1853, and other works.
- CRAIG, HENRY VIVIAN GIBSON-, 8th September 1870.
Apprentice to John and Henry Gordon Gibson.—Third son of Sir William Gibson-Craig of Riccarton, Bart. *Born* 25th September 1847. *Mar.* 27th June 1882, Emily Dulcibella, daughter of Montagu Wilmot of Norton, Swansea.
- CRAIG, JAMES, OF DALNAIR AND COSTERTON. 13th May 1707.
Apprentice to William Forrester.—*Died* 5th August 1743. *Mar.* February 1708, Magdalen, daughter of Alexander Chaplane of Colliston, Forfarshire, W.S.
- CRAIG, SIR JAMES GIBSON-, OF RICCARTON, BART. 21st December 1786.
Apprentice to William Anderson.—Second son of William Gibson, Merchant in Edinburgh. *Born* 11th October 1765. *Died* 6th March 1850. *Mar.* 14th September 1796, Anne, youngest daughter of James Thomson, Merchant in Edinburgh. Assumed the name of Craig by royal licence on 30th May 1823. Created a Baronet 30th September 1831.
- CRAIG, JAMES THOMSON GIBSON-, 25th June 1824.
Apprentice to, and second son of, Sir James Gibson-Craig, Bart.—*Born* 12th March 1799. *Died* 18th July 1886. *Mar.* 23d November 1841, Jane, daughter of Sir John Peter Grant of Rothiemurchus, and widow of Colonel Pennington.

- CRAIG, JOHN MOORE. 18th December 1834.
Apprentice to Æneas Macbean.—Son of John Craig of Prestonholme, Merchant in Leith. *Born* 11th October 1809. *Died* at the Cape of Good Hope 10th February 1845, unmarried.
- CRAIG, WILLIAM. 7th March 1815.
Apprentice to James Little.—Eldest son of James Craig, Supervisor of Excise, Ayr, and afterwards at Haddington. *Died* 1826. *Mar.* 9th December 1818, Margaret Ann, youngest daughter of Gillean Maclean of Scalasdale.
- CRAIGIE, DAVID, OF DUNBARNEY. 9th July 1756.
Apprentice to Laurence Craigie.—Third son of Robert Craigie of Glendoick, Perthshire, Lord President of the Court of Session. *Died* 17th August 1796. *Mar.* Dorothea, daughter of Sir George Clerk Maxwell of Penicuik, Bart.
- CRAIGIE, HENRY. 7th July 1829.
Apprentice to Roger Aytoun.—Fifth son of John Craigie of Quebec. *Born* 1807. *Died* 19th April 1867. *Mar.* 23d July 1839, Jessie, daughter of Alexander Falconar of Falconhall, Edinburgh.
- CRAIGIE, LAURENCE. 6th February 1744.
Apprentice to Archibald Stuart.—Second son of Laurence Craigie of Kilgraston, Perthshire, Advocate. *Mar.* Miss Duncan of Lundie. Resigned his Commission 15th July 1780. *Died* 1781.
- CRAIGIE, WILLIAM CHARLES. 11th July 1771.
Apprentice to Samuel Mitchelson, Junr.—Second son of Thomas Craigie, Professor of Moral Philosophy in the University of Glasgow. *Died* 29th May 1790.
- CRAIK, JAMES. 9th February 1871.
Apprentice to Thomas G. Murray and James A. Jamieson.—Son of Rev. James Craik, D.D., Glasgow. *Born* 13th March 1841. *Mar.* 12th November 1872, Gertrude Honora, daughter of Joseph Bowstead of Hyde House, Gloucestershire. Deputy Keeper of the Privy Seal, 1874.
- CRANSTON, THOMAS, OF DEWAR. 1st August 1786.
Apprentice to Samuel Mitchelson, Senr.—Eldest son of George Cranston of Dewar, Mid-Lothian. *Born* 1760. *Died* 21st October 1836, unmarried.
- CRAUFORD, ARCHIBALD. 20th May 1794.
Apprentice to John Russell, Junr.—Son of James Crauford, Writer in Ayr. *Died* 28th September 1806.
- CRAUFUIRD, ARCHIBALD, OF ARDMILLAN. 10th March 1803.
Apprentice to Alexander Young.—Eldest son of Archibald Craufuird of Ardmillan, Ayrshire. *Died* 16th May 1824. *Mar.* 4th November 1802, his cousin, Margaret d'Albœuf, daughter of Thomas Craufuird of Ardmillan.

- CRAW, JOHN.** 7th July 1795.
Apprentice to John Tayler.—Son of John Craw, Writer in Haddington. *Died* 23d March 1816, aged 44. Buried in Holyrood Abbey. *Mar.* Margaret, daughter of John Hardie, Brewer, St. Ann's Yard, Edinburgh. Bailie of Holyrood.
- CRAWFORD, ALEXANDER.** 16th December 1830.
Apprentice to William Patrick.—Son of William Crawford, Professor of Moral Philosophy in the University of St. Andrews. *Born* 1801. *Died* 12th March 1838. *Mar.* 6th October 1834, Jane Brown, daughter of Archibald Douglas, Advocate.
- CRAWFORD, HEW, OF JORDANHILL.** 14th December 1716.
Apprentice to Robert Campbell.—Eldest son of James Crawford of Jordanhill, Renfrewshire. *Died* 21st February 1756. *Mar.* Mary, daughter of Mr. James Greenshiels, Rector of Fiunough, Tipperary. Writer to the Prince of Wales.
- CRAWFORD, JAMES.** 9th August 1770.
Apprentice to (1) Alexander Stevenson of Montgreenan; and (2) William Fraser.—Second son of Hugh Crawford of Raisleygate. *Mar.* Catherine Brown. *Died* 18th April 1783.
- CRAWFORD, JAMES.** 10th March 1819.
Apprentice to John Mowbray.—Second son of Hugh Crawford of Brownmuir, Writer in Greenock. *Died* 17th November 1868, aged 70. *Mar.* 22d July 1819, Eliza Harvey Bell.
- CRAWFORD, JAMES.** 27th June 1833.
Apprentice to Walter Dickson and James Steuart.—Son of Alexander Crawford, tenant in Rhodes, near North Berwick. *Born* 17th December 1808. *Died* 17th November 1863. *Mar.* (1) 25th August 1846, Euphemia, daughter of Andrew Somerville, Luffness; and (2) 25th November 1856, Jane Watt, daughter of Robert Davidson, H.E.I.C.S.
- CRAWFORD, RONALD, OF RESTALRIG.** 7th March 1732.
Apprentice to (1) John Mein; and (2) James Armour.—Third son of Patrick Crawford of Auchenames, Ayrshire. *Died* 11th July 1762. *Mar.* August 1743, Katherine, daughter of John Forbes of Newhall, Advocate.
- CRAWFURD, JOHN.** 16th July 1661.
Apprentice to James Campbell.—Son of Hugh Crawford of Auchinwey. *Died* 1667.
- CRAWFURD, ROBERT, OF CRAWFURDTOUN.** 8th March 1688.
Apprentice to Hugh Wallace of Inglishtoun.—*Died* 1699. *Mar.* Margaret Cathcart.
- CRAWFURD, JAMES.** 29th June 1661.
Apprentice to James Campbell.—Second son of Patrick Crawford of Auchenames.

CREASE, GEORGE.

22d December 1836.

Apprentice to Alexander Stevenson.—Son of William Crease, Merchant in Edinburgh. *Born* 15th June 1810. *Died* 6th April 1838.

CRICHTON, DAVID.

Signs the Acts 26th December 1627.

CRICHTON, HEW HAMILTON.

14th May 1849.

Apprentice to James Campbell Tait.—Son of Hew Crichton, S.S.C. in Edinburgh. *Born* 7th September 1820.

CROMBIE, ALEXANDER, OF THORNTON.

17th January 1861.

Apprentice to Thomas George Mackay and Alexander Howe.—Eldest son of Alexander Crombie of Thornton, Kincardineshire. *Born* 29th November 1836. *Mar.* 7th September 1870, Elizabeth, second daughter of Dr. John Marshall, Chatton Park, Northumberland.

CROMBIE, ANDREW.

27th February 1817.

Apprentice to William Balderston.—Son of John Crombie, Dyer in Edinburgh. *Born* 23d May 1793. *Died* in Tasmania 20th July 1859. *Mar.* 11th June 1834, Margaret, daughter of — Norgett, Hobart-Town, Tasmania.

CROMBIE, OR CRUMMEY, THOMAS.

3d March 1606.

Mar. Margaret, daughter of James Ker, Merchant Burgess of Edinburgh.

CROOKS, PETER.

8th March 1821.

Apprentice to Alexander Dallas.—Son of Peter Crooks, Gardener at the Dean. *Born* 1799. *Died* 4th March 1844. *Mar.* 5th October 1824, Marion, daughter of Peter Dods, Haddington. Collector of Fee Fund, Court of Session, 1840-44.

CRUICKSHANK, GEORGE.

18th August 1652.

Apprentice to John Semple.—*Died* February 1669. *Mar.* 5th December 1661, Elizabeth Gawin. Clerk 1654-60. Re-admitted 5th April 1661.

CULLEN, JOHN.

4th July 1828.

Apprentice to James Greig.—Fifth son of Thomas Cullen, farmer, Dalmarnock. *Born* 1802. *Died* June 1863. *Mar.* 9th August 1841, Catherine Ann, daughter of William Buchanan, Advocate.

CULLEN, WILLIAM JAMES, LL.B.

15th July 1884.

Apprentice to James, J. H., and L. M. Balfour.—Son of Thomas Cullen, Inspector of Stamps and Taxes, Edinburgh. *Born* 9th September 1859. *Mar.* 4th July 1888, Grace Rutherford, youngest daughter of William John Clark, Withington, Manchester. Resigned his commission 28th January 1890.

CUMINE, FRANCIS GARDEN.

16th February 1832.

Apprentice to George Robinson and Joseph Paterson.—Son of Archibald Cumine of Auchry, Aberdeenshire. *Born* 4th October 1803. *Died* 1843, unmarried.

CUMING, GEORGE, OF RELUGAS.

3d July 1778.

Apprentice to (1) William Budge; and (2) John Mackenzie of Delvin.—Fourth son of Dr. Patrick Cuming of Relugas, Minister at Edinburgh. *Born* 1744. *Died* 2d October 1804. *Mar.* 4th January 1783, Susanna Judith Craigie, daughter of Colonel Charles Halket of Halhill, Fifeshire.

CUMMING, GEORGE.

5th December 1833.

Apprentice to Joseph Gordon.—Son of John Cumming, Banker in Forres. *Born* 16th October 1809. *Died* 8th September 1883. *Mar.* 5th October 1847, Jane Maria, daughter of Robert Edmunds, London, and widow of William Henry Burgess.

CUMMING, JAMES.

12th January 1730.

Apprentice to Hugh Somerville. *Mar.* Ann, daughter of William Alves, W.S.

CUMYNG, MATHEW.

Signs the Acts 26th December 1627.

CUNINGHAM, ALEXANDER.

30th January 1798.

Apprentice to Samuel Mitchelson, Junr.—Eldest son of the Rev. Charles Cuning- ham, Minister of Tranent. *Died* 23d February 1827, aged 81. *Mar.* April 1774, Fordyce, daughter of William Gray of Newholm, Lanarkshire.

CUNINGHAM, ALEXANDER, OF NEWHOLM.

13th December 1827.

Apprentice to Richard Mackenzie.—Son of Charles Cuningham, of Newholm, W.S. *Born* 29th April 1805. *Died* 16th June 1883. *Mar.* 31st July 1834, Caroline, daughter of Major-General Alured Dodsworth Faunce, C.B. Secretary to Commissioners of Northern Light, 1842-74.

CUNINGHAM, CHARLES, OF NEWHOLM.

19th February 1808.

Apprentice to Robert Dundas.—Son of Alexander Cuningham, W.S. *Died* 27th January 1856, aged 82. *Mar.* 5th June 1799, Elizabeth, daughter of John Weir of Kerse. Town-Clerk of Edinburgh, 4th February 1807 to 1851.

CUNINGHAM, EDMUND CYPRIAN.

24th January 1878.

Apprentice to R. L. Stuart and Harry Cheyne.—Son of Alexander Cuningham of Newholm, W.S. *Born* 7th March 1853.

CUNINGHAM, JOHN, OF BANDALLOCH.

29th December 1684.

Apprentice to James Cunningham.—Son of William Cuningham of Drumbeg, Stirlingshire. *Died* 24th February 1716. *Mar.* Jean, daughter of William Weir of Blackwood, Lanarkshire. Fiscal, 1690-95.

CUNINGHAM, JOHN, OF BALBEGY.

24th June 1713.

Apprentice to, and son of, John Cuningham of Bandalloch, W.S.—*Died* 1770.

CUNINGHAM, WILLIAM, OF BANDALLOCH.

2d February 1713.

Apprentice to, and son of, John Cuningham of Bandalloch, W.S.—*Died* suddenly in Parliament House 8th December 1743. *Mar.* 28th April 1708, Martha daughter of Sir George Suttie of Balgone, Bart.

- CUNNINGHAM, WILLIAM GRAY. 1st July 1824.
Apprentice to, and son of, Charles Cunningham of Newholm, W.S.—*Born* 6th December 1800. *Died* 31st December 1838. *Mar.* 21st June 1831, Janetta, daughter of Captain Charles Grant of Greenpark, Linlithgowshire.
- CUNNINGHAM, ALEXANDER, OF HARPERFIELD. 11th February 1702.
Died 1708. *Mar.* 16th October 1705, Margaret, daughter of Alexander Stewart, D.C.S.
- CUNNINGHAM, ALEXANDER, OF LATHRISK. 4th July 1748.
Apprentice to Archibald Campbell.—Third son of Ninian Cunningham, Writer in Edinburgh. *Died* 17th August 1780.
- CUNNINGHAM, HUGH, OF MONKREDDEN. 12th July 1695.
Apprentice to John Cunningham of Enterkine.—*Died* 22d May 1704. *Mar.* Anna Brand.
- CUNNINGHAM, OR CUNYNGHAME, JAMES. 16th March 1670.
Apprentice to John Cunningham of Enterkine.—Son of James Cunynghame in Alloway. *Mar.* Isobell Graham. Author of *An Essay upon the Inscription of Macduff's Cross in Fife*, 1678.
- CUNNINGHAM, JAMES. 19th June 1823.
Apprentice to James Gibson.—Second son of Alexander Cunningham, Edinburgh. *Born* 18th March 1800. *Died* 6th November 1878. *Mar.* (1) 26th April 1836, Margaret Sheaffe, youngest daughter of Daniel Bagot, Dublin; and (2) 11th October 1846, Elizabeth Boyle, youngest daughter of Alexander Dunlop of Keppoch.
- CUNNINGHAM, JOHN. 11th December 1828.
Apprentice to John Gibson, Junr.—Son of John Cunningham of Balgounie, Perthshire. *Born* 1804. *Died* 6th April 1832, unmarried.
- CUNNINGHAM, JOHN, OF ENTERKINE. 27th November 1660.
Apprentice to James Campbell.—Son of Adam Cunynghame of Preveck, Ayrshire. *Died* May 1694. *Mar.* (1) 23d January 1657, Elizabeth Paton; and (2) 1st June 1677, Mary Murray.
- CUNNINGHAM, JOHN SMITH, OF CAPRINGTON. 10th March 1803.
Apprentice to Archibald Tod.—Eldest son of Thomas Smith, Writer in Edinburgh, Principal Clerk of the Bills. *Born* 22d August 1780. *Died* 3d October 1855. *Mar.* 7th April 1812, Ann, second daughter of Sir William Cunningham of Caprington, Ayrshire. Assumed name of Cunningham.
- CUNNINGHAM, SAMUEL. 24th February 1809.
Apprentice to John Macnab.—Son of Patrick Cunningham, Writer in Edinburgh. *Died* 1815. *Mar.* February 1807, Elizabeth, daughter of John Milne, Ironmonger, Edinburgh.

CUNNINGHAM, WILLIAM, OF RATHILLET.

Second son of James Cunningham of Ashinyards, Ayrshire. *Mar.* Rebecca Muirhead, daughter of the Laird of Linhouse. *Died* 6th August 1626. Depute Keeper of the Privy Seal.

CURLE, JAMES.

13th April 1886.

Apprentice to William Stuart Fraser.—Eldest son of Alexander Curle of Morriston, Berwickshire, and Priorwood, Melrose. *Born* 27th March 1862.

CURR, WILLIAM HENRY.

26th October 1887.

Apprentice to Ralph and William John Dundas and George M. Paul.—Son of Henry Curr, Pitkellony, Muthill, Perthshire. *Born* 14th April 1863.

CURRIER, ANDREW.

28th July 1715.

Apprentice to James Drummond.—*Died* August 1740. *Mar.* (1) Helen, third daughter of Sir George Stirling of Glorat, Bart.; and (2) April 1723, Barbara, daughter of George Alexander of Peppermiln, Mid-Lothian.

CURROR, DAVID ANDREW.

11th January 1887.

Apprentice to Thomas Watt Wallace.—Son of David Curror of Wester Craigduckie, Fifeshire, S.S.C. *Born* 1st September 1861.

CUTHBERTSON, WILLIAM.

12th November 1847.

Apprentice to William Bell.—Son of Thomas Cuthbertson, Coach-builder in Edinburgh. *Born* 1st February 1813. *Died* 2d January 1864. *Mar.* 9th July 1851, Jane Todd.

DALGLEISH, JAMES, OF WEST GRANGE AND ARDNAMURCHAN. 10th March 1825.

Apprentice to William Mackenzie and Alexander Monypenny.—Eldest surviving son of John Dalgleish of Dalbeath, Fifeshire, Lieut.-Colonel 21st Foot. *Died* 30th September 1870, aged 67. *Mar.* 30th June 1835, Elizabeth Christian, second daughter of Laurence Johnston of Sands, Perthshire.

DALL, CHARLES.

18th June 1764.

Apprentice to Alexander Robertson.—Son of Robert Dall, Merchant in Arbroath. *Died* 26th March 1773.

DALLAS, ALEXANDER, OF RIDDOCHHILL.

6th December 1803.

Apprentice to J. A. Higgins.—Son of Alexander Dallas, Tacksman of Standaline, Nairnshire. *Born* 1770. *Died* 4th February 1834. *Mar.* (1) Ann Forbes, and (2) 15th November 1831, Catherine, daughter of Sir William Honyman of Armadale, Bart.

DALLAS, GEORGE, OF SAINT MARTINS.

16th July 1661.

Apprentice to John Bayne.—Son of William Dallas of Badyett. *Died* April 1701. *Mar.* 3d July 1660, Margaret Abercromby. Fiscal, 1666-71. M.P. for Cromartyshire, 1665, 1667, 1669-74, 1678, 1681-2, 1685-6. Author of *A System of Stiles as now practicable within the kingdom of Scotland*, 1697.

- DALLAS, GEORGE, OF PARKLEY.** 17th June 1723.
Apprentice to George Wilkie.—Son of George Dallas of Parkley. *Died* 1780.
Mar. December 1728, Susannah, daughter of James Mure of Earnshaw.
- DALLAS, JAMES.** 3d July 1781.
Apprentice to Robert Boswell.—Eldest son of Thomas Dallas, Surgeon in Musselburgh. *Died* 2d January 1802. *Mar.* 7th April 1783, Nancy, daughter of John Milne of Stobeross. Resigned his Commission 24th May 1792.
- DALLAS, WILLIAM.** 5th January 1687.
Apprentice to George Dallas of St. Martins.—*Mar.* 10th February 1689, Henrietta Cockburn. Joint Fiscal, 1695 and 1697-1702.
- DALLAS, WILLIAM.** 1st August 1788.
Apprentice to Samuel Mitchelson, Junr.—Fourth son of William Dallas, Wright in Edinburgh. *Died* 27th March 1852. *Mar.* 21st February 1797, Elizabeth, youngest daughter of James Kerr, of the island of Jamaica.
- DALLAS, WILLIAM.** 21st December 1832.
Apprentice to, and son of, Alexander Dallas, W.S.—*Born* 25th December 1805. *Died* 24th February 1851. *Mar.* (1) 30th March 1832, Mary Ann, daughter of John Thomson of Northfield; and (2) 28th October 1845, Margaret M'Ewen.
- DALMAHOY, JAMES ALEXANDER.** 18th July 1877.
Apprentice to (1) Patrick Dalmahoy; and (2) John Cowan.—Son of Patrick Dalmahoy, W.S. *Born* 8th December 1853.
- DALMAHOY, PATRICK, OF BOWERHOUSES.** 5th June 1823.
Apprentice to John Mowbray.—Son of Adam Dalmahoy, residing in Edinburgh. *Born* 11th June 1798. *Died* 5th September 1872. *Mar.* 8th January 1833, Anna Catherine, only daughter of Simon Sawers, of the Ceylon Civil Service. Fiscal, 1864-72.
- DALRYMPLE, ROBERT, OF KILLOCH.** 28th March 1707.
Apprentice to John Cuningham.—Second son of Sir James Dalrymple of Borthwick, Bart. *Born* 25th July 1685. *Died* 2d December 1765. *Mar.* 5th September 1711, Elizabeth, daughter and co-heir of John Bowick, Merchant, Glasgow.
- DALRYMPLE, ROBERT, OF DREGHORN AND PRESTWOODSIDE.** 10th December 1722.
Apprentice to Robert Dalrymple.—Son of — Dalrymple of Waterside, Dumfriesshire. *Died* 30th March 1765, aged 77.
- DALRYMPLE, WILLIAM.** 31st March 1707.
Son of Robert Dalrymple, one of the Bailies of Ayr.—*Died* 7th June 1732. *Mar.* Janet Menzies. Under-Keeper of the Signet, 1707-8.
- DALRYMPLE, WILLIAM.** 11th December 1828.
Apprentice to James Lang.—Son of James Dalrymple, Merchant in Edinburgh. *Born* 1795. *Died* 4th November 1834. *Mar.* 1833.

DALRYMPLE, WILLIAM.

8th November 1849.

Apprentice to John Richardson.—Eldest son of William Dalrymple, S.S.C.
Born 27th April 1821. *Died* 8th January 1886. *Mar.* Mary Agnes, daughter
 of James Aitken, Writer, Edinburgh.

DALZELL, WILLIAM.

See COLQUHOUN, WILLIAM DALZELL.

DALZIEL, GEORGE.

24th June 1824.

Apprentice to John Buchan Brodie.—Son of John Dalziel, Writer in Earlstoun,
 Berwickshire. *Born* 14th January 1799. *Died* 27th June 1869. *Mar.* 23d
 October 1827, Charlotte, second daughter of David Pearson, Edinburgh. Depute-
 Keeper of the Privy Seal, 1853-69.

DALZIEL, GEORGE.

14th November 1866.

Apprentice to, and son of, George Dalziel, W.S.—*Born* 13th July 1843. *Mar.*
 29th September 1868, Mary, eldest daughter of Charles Lyall, Old Montrose.

DALZIEL, JOHN.

15th November 1860.

Apprentice to, and eldest son of, George Dalziel, W.S.—*Born* 9th August 1838.
Died 24th April 1883. *Mar.* 26th March 1863, Isabella Geddes, eldest daughter
 of James Sanderson, Surgeon-Major, Madras Army.

DANIEL, PHINEAS.

16th May 1822.

Apprentice to George Robinson.—Son of George Daniel, Writer in Fraserburgh.
Died 6th January 1867, aged 79. *Mar.* Clementina, youngest daughter of William
 Shand, Craigellie, Aberdeenshire. Sheriff-Clerk of Dumbartonshire, 1834-67.

DARLING, JAMES JOHNSTON.

25th November 1824.

Apprentice to Robert Strachan.—Younger son of Paul Darling of Bogangreen.
Born 1799. *Died* 1st July 1842, unmarried. Author of the *Practice of the*
Court of Session, 1833, and other legal works.

DARLING, JAMES STORMONTH, OF LEDNATHIE.

24th January 1822.

Apprentice to (1) William Balderston; and (2) William Scott.—Son of James
 Darling, Writer in Kelso. *Born* 9th February 1799. *Died* 12th August 1866.
Mar. 19th July 1825, Elizabeth Moir, only surviving daughter of James Tod of
 Deanstoun.

DARLING, JAMES STORMONTH, OF LEDNATHIE.

29th November 1855.

Apprentice to Alexander and Christopher Douglas.—Son of James Stormonth
 Darling, W.S. *Born* 4th October 1830. *Died* 8th January 1881, unmarried.

DARLING, THOMAS.

14th August 1633.

Apprentice to Robert Wallace.

DARLING, THOMAS.

24th November 1831.

Apprentice to John Glassford Hopkirk.—Son of Thomas Darling, S.S.C. *Born*
 16th October 1808. *Died* 13th June 1870. *Mar.* 13th March 1832, Charlotte,
 youngest daughter of Charles Hamilton of Fairholm, Lanarkshire.

- DAVIDSON, ARTHUR LENNOX. 18th October 1886.
Apprentice to Christopher Charles Nisbet.—Son of Major-General Davidson.
Born 7th December 1862.
- DAVIDSON, CHARLES FORBES. 27th May 1824.
Apprentice to (1) William Berry ; (2) Alexander Kettle.—Fifth son of Andrew Davidson, Advocate in Aberdeen. *Died* 8th March 1853, aged 52. *Mar.* 9th June 1831, Eliza, daughter of Charles Hill of Luthrie, Fifeshire.
- DAVIDSON, HARRY, OF OLD BELSES. 16th November 1781.
Apprentice to Robert Jamieson.—Second son of James Davidson, Merchant in Dysart. *Born* 1755. *Died* 11th February 1837. *Mar.* Ann Gillespie. Sheriff-Substitute of Mid-Lothian, 1791-1820.
- DAVIDSON, HUGH. 2d October 1688.
Apprentice to Hugh Wallace of Inglisbush.—*Died* April 1695.
- DAVIDSON, JAMES, OF BANKIER. 29th June 1786.
Apprentice to James Ferrier.—Son of the Rev. John Davidson, Minister of West Kilpatrick. *Died* 18th June 1823. *Mar.* (1) 8th August 1787, Mary, daughter of Neil Buchanan of Auchintoshan, Dumbartonshire ; (2) 15th April 1791, Elizabeth, daughter of Rev. James Meik, D.D., Minister of Cambuslang ; and (3) 9th March 1809, widow of John Miller, of Jamaica.
- DAVIDSON, JAMES GILLESPIE. 19th June 1812.
Apprentice to, and eldest son of, Harry Davidson, W.S.—*Born* 3d January 1789. *Died* 5th October 1843. *Mar.* 30th October 1828, Amelia Helen, eldest daughter of Major-General John Lamont of Lamont, Argyllshire.
- DAVIDSON, JOHN, OF STEWARTFIELD AND HALTREE. 3d April 1749.
Apprentice to George Balfour.—Son of James Davidson of Haltree, Bookseller in Edinburgh. *Died* 29th December 1797. Author of a tract on the *Regiam Majestatem*, and another on the *Black Acts* ; *Accounts of the Chamberlain of Scotland*, 1329-31. Crown Agent. Depute Keeper of the Signet, 1778-1797.
- DAVIDSON, JOHN, OF WHITEHOUSE. 20th December 1732.
Apprentice to Andrew Sutherland.—*Died* 7th April 1755. *Mar.* August 1740, Anne, daughter of — Fotheringham of Powrie. Principal Clerk of Justiciary.
- DAVIDSON, JOHN JAMES. 22d February 1821.
Apprentice to, and son of, James Davidson, W.S.—*Born* 1797. *Died* 20th May 1837. *Mar.* Teind Clerk, 1826-38.
- DAVIDSON, LAURENCE. 18th November 1825.
Apprentice to (1) John Ferrier ; and (2) Harry Davidson.—Fourth son of Harry Davidson, W.S. *Died* 18th September 1868, aged 69. *Mar.* 6th December 1831, Emma, youngest daughter of John Pryor, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

DAWLING, JAMES.

4th June 1636.

Apprentice to Quintin Kennedy.

DEAS, SYLVESTER FALCONER REID.

17th December 1868.

Apprentice to James Duncan.—Younger son of Sir George Deas, Kt., one of the Senators of the College of Justice. *Born* 3d February 1845. *Mar.* 7th October 1874, Alice, second daughter of Michael Grayhurst Hewat, London.

DENNISTON, ARCHIBALD.

1st July 1837.

Apprentice to Walter Dickson and James Steuart.—Son of John Denniston, Merchant in Greenock. *Born* 14th March 1814. *Died* 23d June 1871. *Mar.* 7th September 1842, Janet, third daughter of Allan Fullarton, Banker, Greenock.

DENNISTOUN, RICHARD.

7th July 1829.

Apprentice to George Dunlop.—Son of Robert Dennistoun, Merchant in Glasgow. *Died* 20th March 1848, aged 41. *Mar.* 11th March 1830, Hannah, only daughter of John Meiklam of Cambroe.

DEWAR, FRANCIS JAMES.

5th May 1880.

Apprentice to (1) S. F. R. Deas, and (2) Hew Hamilton Crichton.—Elder son of Hugh Bruce Dewar, S.S.C. *Born* 29th April 1855.

DEWAR, WILLIAM.

20th June 1769.

Apprentice to Alexander Orr.—Second son of John Dewar of Cannan. *Died* 1772.

DICK, ANDREW.

11th January 1762.

Apprentice to (1) Robert Sym, and (2) Thomas Innes.—Son of John Dick of Compstoun. *Died* May 1778. *Mar.* Ann Heugh.

DICK, WALTER.

Signs the Act 4th April 1607. Grandson of David Couper, Burgess of Cupar.

DICK, WILLIAM.

3d July 1772.

Apprentice to Leonard Urquhart.—Youngest son of Robert Dick, Writer in Edinburgh. *Died* August 1787.

DICKIE, JOHN.

3d August 1742.

Apprentice to Robert Hepburn.—Son of John Dickie, of Corstorphine Hill, Merchant in Edinburgh. *Died* 3d April 1755, aged 43. *Mar.* Ann Fordyce.

DICKIE, JOHN.

5th July 1814.

Apprentice to William Inglis.—Third son of William Dickie, sometime Merchant in Dundee, afterwards in Edinburgh. *Born* 1783. *Died* 13th December 1839.

DICKSON, ARTHUR HILL.

14th January 1890.

Apprentice to Robert Strathern.—Youngest son of Alexander Dickson, Farmer, Hermiston, Mid-Lothian. *Born* 18th February 1867.

- DICKSON, DAVID SCOT. 26th June 1856.
Apprentice to Thomas George Mackay and Alexander Howe.—Eighth son of Walter Dickson of Monybuie, W.S. *Born* 23d September 1830. *Mar.* 19th September 1861, the Hon. Francis Sophia Addington, daughter of William Leonard, second Viscount Sidmouth.
- DICKSON, HENRY GORDON. 27th February 1817.
Apprentice to William Handyside.—Son of Samuel Dickson, builder in Edinburgh. *Died* 30th September 1860, aged 74. *Mar.* 1st August 1817, Eliza, second daughter of William Gillespie, Merchant in Edinburgh.
- DICKSON, HENRY GORDON. 16th March 1855.
Apprentice to, and eldest son of, Henry Gordon Dickson, W.S.—*Born* 11th March 1820. *Died* 21st July 1889. *Mar.* 16th September 1851, Jane Alder, eldest daughter of Dr. Adolphus M. Ross, Edinburgh.
- DICKSON, JAMES LAWRENCE. 16th January 1888.
Apprentice to David S. Dickson and David Shaw.—Son of James Gilchrist Dickson, Stockbroker, Edinburgh. *Born* 25th November 1861.
- DICKSON, JAMES MACBRIDE, LL.B. 21st July 1875.
Apprentice to Robert Burt Ranken.—Son of Andrew John Dickson, S.S.C. *Born* 7th January 1852.
- DICKSON, JOHN, OF ROBBIEWHAT. 30th June 1789.
Apprentice to Hugh Corrie.—Eldest son of David Dickson of Locherwoods, Dumfriesshire. *Born* 1759. *Died* 23d November 1831. *Mar.* 2d September 1790, Charlotte, daughter of James Alison, Writer in Edinburgh.
- DICKSON, JOHN. 13th June 1806.
Apprentice to Archibald Gibson.—Son of the Rev. David Dickson of Perisland, Minister of the New North Church, Edinburgh. *Died* at Kingston, Canada, 8th July 1823.
- DICKSON, JOHN. 29th June 1843.
Apprentice to, and eldest son of, Walter Dickson of Monybuie, W.S.—*Born* 30th October 1817. *Mar.* 29th June 1852, Eliza Jane, daughter of Colonel Alexander Macleod, C.B.
- DICKSON, SAMUEL. 16th March 1855.
Apprentice to, and third son of, Henry Gordon Dickson, W.S.—*Born* 12th January 1826. *Mar.* 31st July 1860, Mary Campbell, youngest daughter of David Johnstone of Overton, Stirlingshire.
- DICKSON, THOMAS. 18th May 1649.
Apprentice to Adam Watt.—*Mar.* Agnes Gardner. Re-admitted 21st November 1661.

- DICKSON, WALTER, OF MONYBUIE. 20th May 1802.
Apprentice to Thomas Cranston.—Youngest son of John Dickson of Conheath, Provost of Dumfries. *Born* 5th November 1776. *Died* 12th December 1855. *Mar.* 2d December 1816, Margaret, daughter of Thomas Goldie of Craigmuaie.
- DICKSON, WALTER. 30th January 1823.
Apprentice to William Renny.—Son of Archibald Dickson of Housebyres, Nursery and Seedsman in Hawick. *Born* 1797. *Died* 9th July 1843, unmarried.
- DICKSON, WILLIAM TRAQUAIR, OF CORSTORPHINE. 3d November 1870.
Apprentice to William Traquair, his uncle.—Son of John Dickson of Corstorphine. *Born* 7th June 1845. *Mar.* 27th June 1882, Elizabeth Madalene, daughter of Rev. Archibald Stewart, D.D., Minister of Glasserton.
- DIXON, ROBERT, OF LEVENGROVE. 20th December 1827.
Apprentice to James Dundas.—Son of John Dixon, of the Dumbarton Glass Works Company. *Died* 26th July 1833, aged 30.
- DIXSON, JAMES HEGGIE. 20th October 1875.
Apprentice to Robert and James Alexander Haldane.—Son of Robert Dixson, Edinburgh. *Born* 17th October 1852. *Mar.* 28th June 1881, Jane Callander Balloch, daughter of Robert Honeyman, Merchant, Edinburgh.
- DOBIE, JAMES. 16th July 1840.
Apprentice to (1) James Adam, (2) Roderick Mackenzie and Robert Macfarlane, and (3) Roderick Mackenzie.—Son of James Dobie of Grumnoch, Writer in Perth. *Born* 1819. *Died* 16th December 1840, unmarried.
- DON, PATRICK. 29th April 1662.
Apprentice to Robert Pringle, John Nicoll, elder, and Alexander Lesly.—Son of Alexander Don, Writer in Edinburgh. *Died* March 1672.
- DONALD, ALEXANDER. 6th July 1826.
Apprentice to William Inglis and Matthew Weir.—Eldest son of William Donald, Couliehare, Udney. *Born* 1796. *Died* 11th April 1846. *Mar.* 5th August 1830, Robina Mary, youngest daughter of Alexander Millar, Montrose.
- DONALDSON, GEORGE HAY. 14th November 1833.
Apprentice to John Gibson, Junr.—Son of Stuart Donaldson, Merchant in London. *Born* 22d April 1810. *Died* 1st May 1872. *Mar.* 4th September 1844, Emma de Bois, youngest daughter of James Russell, Entwood Court, Staffordshire.
- DONALDSON, HAY. 9th July 1802.
Apprentice to John Moir.—Third son of Hay Donaldson, Town-Clerk of Haddington. *Died* 30th September 1823.
- DONALDSON, JOHN, OF AUCHAIRNE. 10th March 1808.
Apprentice to Vans Hathorn.—Only son of the Rev. William Donaldson, minister of Ballantrae. *Died* 17th October 1849, aged 69. *Mar.* 29th March 1813, Margaret, only daughter of John Ure, one of the Magistrates of Glasgow.

- DONALDSON, ROBERT. 26th June 1769.
Apprentice to Thomas Brodie.—Eldest son of George Donaldson, Sheriff-Clerk of Nairn. *Died* 27th August 1796. *Mar.* April 1767, Helen, only daughter of John Grant, W.S.
- DOUGAL, DAVID. 16th January 1888.
Apprentice to William C. M'Ewen.—Son of Alexander Dougal, Linlithgow. *Born* 14th April 1864.
- DOUGLAS, ALEXANDER. 6th April 1630.
Apprentice to Robert Pringle.—*Mar.* 30th June 1629, Agnes Pringle.
- DOUGLAS, ALEXANDER. 1st July 1808.
Apprentice to James Dundas.—Third son of Dr. Christopher Douglas, Physician in Kelso. *Born* 19th June 1780. *Died* 1st July 1851. *Mar.* 20th March 1810, Janet Hardie, second daughter of Robert Bow, Merchant in Edinburgh. Fiscal, 1844-51.
- DOUGLAS, ALEXANDER SHOLTO. 16th November 1854.
Apprentice to John Dundas, William Wilson, and Alexander M. Bell.—Son of Alexander Douglas, W.S. *Born* 27th November 1829. *Mar.* 16th December 1858, Helen M'Caul, daughter of John Forrester, W.S.
- DOUGLAS, CHRISTOPHER, OF CHESTERHOUSE. 13th November 1834.
Apprentice to James and John Dundas.—Eldest son of Alexander Douglas, W.S. *Born* 13th February 1811.
- DOUGLAS, DAVID. 15th December 1825.
Apprentice to Robert Rutherford.—Third son of James Douglas, Writer in Dunfermline. *Died* 6th September 1886. *Mar.* 26th December 1838, Margaret Lawson, second daughter of Charles Hill of Luthrie, Fifeshire.
- DOUGLAS, JOHN. 4th December 1794.
Apprentice to John Gordon.—Son of John Douglas of Burnhouse. *Born* 1768. *Died* 6th January 1854, unmarried.
- DOUGLAS, JOHN BROWN. 7th March 1833.
Apprentice to, and second son of, William Douglas, W.S.—*Born* 25th August 1809. *Died* 28th April 1880. *Mar.* 22d January 1846, Mary Ann, second daughter of John Turner of Turnerhall, Aberdeenshire.
- DOUGLAS, JOHN BROWN. 17th July 1879.
Apprentice to, and son of, John Brown Douglas, W.S.—*Born* 30th May 1852. *Mar.* 1st June 1882, Emma Jane, daughter of Thomas Overy West, Seven-Score, Kent.
- DOUGLAS, WALTER. 8th January 1666.
Apprentice to, and son of, Alexander Douglas, W.S.

DOUGLAS, WILLIAM.

23d November 1802.

Apprentice to Bain Whyt.—Son of Archibald Douglas, S.S.C., Edinburgh. *Born* 26th February 1781. *Died* 16th July 1841. *Mar.* 15th December 1806, Anna, daughter of John Brown, Hamilton.

DOW, JOHN.

7th July 1808.

Apprentice to James Hay.—Eldest son of Lieutenant Archibald Dow, Royal Navy. *Died* 25th October 1827. *Mar.* 11th July 1820, Margaret, eldest daughter of William Russell, Glasgow.

DRUMMOND, ALEXANDER.

14th November 1684.

Apprentice to James Hay.—Son of Alexander Drummond, Bailie of Cockenzie. *Died* December 1694. *Mar.* Elizabeth Balfour.

DRUMMOND, SIR FRANCIS WALKER, OF HAWTHORNDEN, BART.

23d June 1807.

Apprentice to, and eldest son of, James Walker, W.S.—*Born* 9th June 1781. *Died* 29th February 1844. *Mar.* 4th January 1810, Margaret, only daughter of Captain Sir John Forbes Drummond of Hawthornden, Bart., when he assumed her name and arms. Succeeded his father-in-law as second Baronet, in terms of patent 23d May 1829.

DRUMMOND, JAMES.

8th October 1705.

Apprentice to Ronald Campbell.—*Died* 1718. *Mar.* Violet, daughter of Thomas Bordlands.

DRUMMOND, JAMES, OF COMRIE.

1st August 1788.

Apprentice to Thomas Tod.—Eldest son of Patrick Drummond of Comrie, Perthshire. *Died* 1st February 1800. *Mar.* 1st August 1792, Eliza, daughter of John Summers, Writer, Edinburgh.

DRUMMOND, JAMES.

2d November 1881.

Apprentice to William Alexander Maclaren.—Son of the Rev. James Drummond, Irvine. *Born* 9th April 1858.

DRUMMOND, JOHN FORBES WALKER.

16th November 1843.

Apprentice to, and third son of, Sir Francis Walker Drummond of Hawthornden, Bart., W.S.—*Born* 19th January 1819. *Mar.* 11th September 1866, Emma Louisa, younger daughter of Butler Edmond Thornton of Skerton and Whittington, Lancashire.

DRYSDALE, SIR WILLIAM, OF PITTEUCHAR, KNIGHT.

2d March 1804.

Apprentice to James Buchan.—Son of William Drysdale of Pitteuchar, Fife. *Born* 1776. *Died* 4th June 1843. *Mar.* (1) 30th October 1809, Jane, only daughter of Rev. Alexander Fleming, D.D., Minister of Hamilton; and (2) 7th September 1813, Jane, only child of Thomas Cochrane, M.D., Edinburgh; and (3) 7th November 1820, Elizabeth, daughter of John Pew of Hillowtown, Kirkcudbright, and widow of William Copland of Colliston, Dumfriesshire.

DUCAT, JAMES STEWART.

18th November 1830.

Apprentice to Warren Hastings Sands.—Son of Charles Ducat of Fullarton. *Died* 10th April 1853, aged 50. *Mar.* 9th September 1834, Catherine, daughter of James Steele, Surgeon, 52d Regiment.

DUDGEON, JOHN.

28th May 1819.

Apprentice to (1) James Gilchrist; and (2) David Welsh.—Fourth son of John Dudgeon, Merchant in Leith. *Born* 11th August 1796. *Died* 30th August 1887. *Mar.* 22d October 1822, Isabella, daughter of John Falconer, Merchant in Glasgow.

DUDGEON, PATRICK, OF EAST CRAIG.

18th December 1823.

Apprentice to William Bell.—Eldest son of John Dudgeon of East Craig, East-Lothian. *Died* 10th October 1846, aged 48. *Mar.* 2d June 1822, Jane Alexandrina, eldest daughter of Lieut.-Colonel Alexander Duncan, H.E.I.C.S.

DUFF, ALEXANDER.

30th January 1823.

Apprentice to Æneas Macbean.—Fourth son of Patrick Duff, Sheriff-Clerk of Elginshire. *Died* 24th September 1854, aged 54, unmarried. Author of a *Treatise on Feudal Conveyancing*, 1838, and other legal works. Admitted Advocate, 9th December 1848. Presenter of Signatures, 1847-54.

DUFF, JOHN DUNBAR.

14th April 1884.

Apprentice to John Ross.—Son of Captain Duff, Glen-Arthur, Duddingston. *Born* 27th November 1854. Assistant Clerk and Extractor to the Signet, 1885-89.

DUFF, LACHLAN.

See GORDON, LACHLAN DUFF.

DUFF, PATRICK.

23d July 1745.

Apprentice to Alexander Stevenson of Montgreenan.—Son of John Duff, Merchant in Elgin. *Died* 1765. *Mar.* Grizel Balfour, sister of Sir Patrick Balfour.

DUFF, WILLIAM.

12th August 1799.

Apprentice to Robert Donaldson.—Youngest son of Major Alexander Duff. *Died* 19th September 1809.

DUMBRECK, JOHN.

2d December 1824.

Apprentice to John Tweedie.—Eldest son of William Dumbreck, South Coatts, Edinburgh. *Born* 1799. *Died* 3d November 1854. *Mar.* 10th November 1829, daughter of Charles Kinnear, Fingask.

DUN, ANDREW.

31st May 1827.

Apprentice to (1) John Campbell and James Arnot; and (2) John Campbell, Junior.—Son of Andrew Dun, Rector of the Grammar School, Aberdeen. *Died* 20th February 1854, aged 50. *Mar.* (1) Mary Ann Leslie, daughter of John Rutherford of Hunthill; and (2) 26th July 1841, Mary Isabella, daughter of Thomas Selby, Ipswich.

DUNBAR, ALEXANDER.

29th December 1682.

Apprentice to Alexander Home.—Son of Mr. James Dunbar, Minister of Abbey St. Bathans.

DUNBAR, ARCHIBALD.

25th November 1796.

Apprentice to John Innes.—Youngest son of William Dunbar of Netherbankie. *Died* 19th June 1809.

DUNBAR, KEITH.

19th December 1767.

Apprentice to Colquhoun Grant.—Second son of Sir William Dunbar of Durn, Banffshire. *Died* 18th April 1799, unmarried. Depute Clerk of Session, 14th June 1780 till death.

DUNBAR, RONALD.

27th January 1729.

Apprentice to Ronald Campbell.—*Died* 23d December 1753. *Mar.* December 1729, Margaret, daughter of Ronald Campbell of Balerno, W.S. Appointed Clerk of the General Register of Hornings 9th March 1728. Agent for City of Edinburgh. Fiscal, 1734-1753.

DUNBAR, WILLIAM.

4th July 1769.

Apprentice to Thomas Brodie.—Third son of Alexander Dunbar of Boath, Nairnshire. *Died* 18th February 1807, unmarried.

DUNCAN, ALEXANDER.

25th November 1765.

Apprentice to James Graham.—Third son of Alexander Duncan, Clerk of Dundee. *Died* 10th November 1821. *Mar.* November 1768, Mary, daughter of John Simpson of Brunton, Fifeshire.

DUNCAN, ANDREW JOHN.

11th July 1837.

Apprentice to James Greig.—Son of Andrew Duncan, residing in Glasgow. *Born* 24th June 1814. *Died* June 1848, unmarried.

DUNCAN, GEORGE.

19th November 1708.

Apprentice to Ronald Campbell.—*Died* about 1724. *Mar.* 31st December 1708, Helen, daughter of James Balfour, Merchant, Edinburgh.

DUNCAN, JAMES.

17th February 1825.

Apprentice to William Bell.—Son of James Duncan, residing in Falkirk. *Born* 1797. *Died* 27th September 1874. *Mar.* 30th August 1842, Christina, only daughter of John Duncan, Edinburgh.

DUNCAN, JAMES BARKER.

14th November 1866.

Apprentice to, and son of, James Duncan, W.S.—*Born* 25th May 1843. *Mar.* 3d April 1873, Louisa Janet, fourth daughter of Alexander Brodie, Stirling.

DUNCAN, JOHN.

27th June 1833.

Apprentice to James Farquhar Gordon.—Son of John Duncan, residing in Princes Street, Edinburgh. *Born* 23d November 1806. *Mar.* 17th September 1839, Janet, youngest daughter of Thomas Metcalf, Edinburgh.

DUNCAN, WILLIAM.

8th July 1822.

Apprentice to Robert Cargill.—Son of John Duncan, Manufacturer in Kirkcaldy.
Born 1794. *Died* 16th October 1837. *Mar.* 1820, Sylvester Ramsay.

DUNCAN, WILLIAM THREIPLAND.

16th July 1888.

Apprentice to (1) E. C. Cuninghame; and (2) J. R. Anderson and W. H. Murray.
 —Son of William Duncan of Danevale, S.S.C. *Born* 1st December 1859.

DUNDAS, JAMES HAMILTON.

9th July 1829.

Apprentice to Walter Cook.—Second son of Gabriel Hamilton Dundas, of Duddingston, Linlithgowshire. *Died* 7th October 1851, aged 45, unmarried.

DUNDAS, JAMES, OF OCHTERTYRE.

28th November 1791.

Apprentice to James Robertson-Barclay.—Third son of Ralph Dundas, Merchant in Edinburgh. *Born* 1752. *Died* 2d April 1831. *Mar.* 16th October 1794, Elizabeth, third daughter of James Graham of Airth. Deputy Director in Chancery.

DUNDAS, JOHN.

11th December 1769.

Apprentice to Charles Brown.—Son of James Dundas, of Philipstoun, Linlithgowshire, Advocate. *Died* 4th May 1816. *Mar.* Katherine Smith.

DUNDAS, JOHN.

29th June 1826.

Apprentice to Ralph James Dundas.—Fifth son of James Dundas, W.S. *Born* 19th December 1803. *Died* 27th May 1873. *Mar.* Jemima Christian, fifth daughter of Day Hort Macdowall of Walkinshaw, Renfrewshire.

DUNDAS, JOHN, OF NEWHALLS.

31st March 1712.

Apprentice to James Anderson.—Fifth son of John Dundas of Duddingston, West-Lothian. *Died* 22d April 1769, aged 87. *Mar.* Christian, daughter of Adam Mure of Blackhall. Fiscal, 1723-25. Lyon Depute from 1st February 1728 to 1744. Presenter of Signatures.

DUNDAS, RALPH.

19th March 1868.

Apprentice to, and son of, John Dundas, W.S.—*Born* 22d October 1843. *Mar.* 30th March 1869, Emily Bridget, elder daughter of Robert Robertson of Auchleeks, Perthshire.

DUNDAS, RALPH JAMES.

25th June 1819.

Apprentice to William Wilson.—Eldest son of James Dundas, W.S. *Born* 21st August 1795. *Died* 26th April 1824.

DUNDAS, SIR ROBERT, OF BEECHWOOD, BART.

24th November 1785.

Apprentice to James Balfour.—Only son of the Rev. Robert Dundas, Minister of Humble. *Born* 30th June 1761. *Died* 26th December 1835. *Mar.* 20th July 1798, Matilda, daughter of Archibald Cockburn, Baron of Exchequer. Principal Clerk of Session, 14th June 1817 to 31st December 1830. Deputy Keeper of Sasines. Clerk of the Bills, 1820. Deputy to the Lord Privy Seal. Succeeded his uncle, General Sir David Dundas, Bart.

DUNDAS, WILLIAM JOHN.

Mar. 13th July 1871.

Apprentice to John Dundas and William Wilson.—Fourth son of George Dundas, Advocate, one of the Senators of the College of Justice. *Born* 16th March 1849.

DUNLOP, ALEXANDER.

Signs Minute of 17th January 1606. *Mar.* 4th May 1608, Elizabeth Seton.

DUNLOP, ANDREW, OF BARNHILL.

19th November 1835.

Apprentice to Hugh Macqueen.—Son of Thomas Dunlop, residing at Barnhill, near Glasgow. *Born* 23d May 1809. *Died* 30th October 1857. *Mar.* 23d July 1839, Jane Marion, only daughter of Archibald Ronaldson, Leith.

DUNLOP, GEORGE.

23d June 1807.

Apprentice to David Balfour.—Second son of James Dunlop of Garnkirk, Lanarkshire. *Born* 6th February 1776. *Died* 6th December 1852. *Mar.* 2d September 1807, Isobel, second daughter of William Simpson of Ogle.

DUNLOP, GEORGE.

26th December 1873.

Apprentice to Anthony Murray.—Son of George Dunlop, and grandson of George Dunlop, W.S. *Born* 26th February 1849. *Mar.* 5th August 1875, Georgie Isabella, eldest daughter of Robert Bogle Blackburn, Advocate, Sheriff of Stirlingshire.

DUNLOP, JAMES, OF MACNAIRSTON.

9th March 1813.

Apprentice to John Ferrier.—Eldest son of George Dunlop of Macnairston, Ayrshire. *Died* 16th August 1847, aged 66, unmarried.

DUNLOP, ROBERT.

5th July 1821.

Apprentice to William Patrick.—Son of Robert Dunlop, Merchant in Irvine. *Died* 5th July 1847, aged 50. *Mar.* 4th March 1822, Helen Straton, only child of Dr. James Dunbar Mudie, Physician in Alford, Lincolnshire.

DUNSMURE, JOHN.

17th May 1832.

Apprentice to David Cleghorn.—Son of James Dunsmure, Secretary to the Commissioners of the British White Herring Fishery. *Born* 16th September 1808. *Died* 29th September 1864. *Mar.* 3d July 1845, Jane Margaretta, fourth daughter of Robert Bourne, Camdenville, New South Wales.

DUTHIE, WALTER.

10th March 1817.

Apprentice to William Handyside.—Son of Alexander Duthie, Advocate in Aberdeen. *Born* 1795. *Died* 30th September 1868.

DYKES, WILLIAM.

4th June 1690.

Apprentice to William Thomson, yr.—*Died* before 1700.

DYKES, WILLIAM SHEDDEN.

12th April 1886.

Apprentice to James Bruce and Thomas Kerr.—Son of the Rev. Thomas Dykes, D.D., Minister of Ayr. *Born* 18th June 1860. *Mar.* 30th July 1889, Flora, youngest daughter of Alexander Maclean Hunter, sometime of Balla Balla, Cranbourne, Australia.

- DYMOCK, JOHN. 22d June 1826.
Apprentice to, and son of, William Dymock, W.S.—*Died* 17th February 1841.
Mar. 14th July 1831, Margaret, eldest daughter of John Waugh.
- DYMOCK, WILLIAM. 10th July 1811.
Apprentice to (1) Samuel Macknight; and (2) Henry Moncreiff.—*Died* 3d June 1826. *Mar.* Helen Maclean.
- DYMOCK, WILLIAM M'LEAN. 22d February 1838.
Apprentice to, and son of, William Dymock, W.S.—*Born* 27th March 1800. *Died* 12th June 1848. *Mar.* 12th June 1838, Margaret, daughter of Charles Watson, Edinburgh.
- EASTON, JAMES. 6th June 1815.
Apprentice to James Horne.—Second son of Robert Easton of Strathmilk. *Died* 24th April 1820.
- EASTON, JOHN, OF COUSTOUNE.
Commissioner, 1st June 1607. *Died* 25th January 1616. *Mar.* Margaret Cant.
- EDGAR, JOHN, OF BRIDGELANDS. 2d July 1771.
Apprentice to Charles Brown.—Eldest son of Peter Edgar of Bridgelands, Mid-Lothian. *Died* 8th July 1799, unmarried.
- EDGAR, THOMAS.
Signs the Acts 28th December 1627. *Died* 1655. *Mar.* 11th November 1647, Beatrix Maxwell. Clerk to the Incorporation of Chirurgeons, 1619.
- EDMONSTOUN, WILLIAM, OF GLASS. 14th July 1701.
Apprentice to Charles Row.—*Died* 6th September 1722. *Mar.* 3d August 1699, Isabella, daughter of John Nasmyth.
- ELDER, JAMES. 25th January 1855.
Apprentice to George Dalziel.—Third son of George Elder, Farmer, Grange, Banffshire. *Born* 29th July 1818. *Died* 1st April 1876. *Mar.* 24th June 1854, Susan Mary, youngest daughter of Captain James Macdonald, 61st Regiment.
- ELDER, JOHN. 8th February 1816.
Apprentice to Andrew Storie.—Eldest son of John Elder, Depute Clerk of Session. *Born* 3d April 1790. *Died* 9th February 1869. *Mar.* 10th October 1849, Jane Gibbs, only daughter of William Campbell, Merchant, Oporto.
- ELDER, JOHN. 28th June 1878.
Apprentice to W. J. Menzies and H. J. Coventry.—Son of John Elder, W.S. *Born* 28th July 1854. *Mar.* 24th February 1886, Mary Robertson, daughter of Alexander Henderson, Montreal, Canada.

ELIES, THOMAS.

19th September 1697.

Apprentice to James Anderson.—Son of James Elies of Southside, Mid-Lothian. *Died* 8th March 1709. *Mar.* (1) Janet, daughter of Francis Scott, Keeper of the Minute-Book; and (2) Helen Hay.

ELLIOT, CORNELIUS, OF WOLFLEE.

3d July 1758.

Apprentice to William Budge.—Son of William Elliot of Wolflee, Roxburghshire, Writer in Edinburgh. *Born* April 1732. *Died* 9th February 1821. *Mar.* 8th August 1765, Margaret, daughter of James Rannie.

ELLIOT, JAMES, OF WOLFLEE.

10th July 1798.

Apprentice to, and youngest son of, Cornelius Elliot, W.S.—*Born* 29th February 1772. *Died* 2d February 1855. *Mar.* (1) 9th September 1799, Caroline, daughter of Walter Hunter of Polmood, Peeblesshire; and (2) 17th January 1827, Margaret, daughter of Robert Davidson of Pinnacle Hill, Roxburghshire.

ELLIOT, JOHN.

14th April 1694.

Apprentice to Andrew Baillie.—Son of Mr. Robert Elliot, Minister. *Died* October 1699. *Mar.* November 1691, Elizabeth, daughter of Rev. James Fithie. Granted £100 Scots on 7th August 1699, to take him to the Scots Colony of Darien.

ELLIOT-BATES, REV. JOHN ELPHINSTONE, OF MILLBOURNE.

11th July 1833.

Apprentice to William Bell.—Fourth son of James Elliot of Wolflee, W.S. *Born* 27th May 1810. *Died* 1st January 1890. *Mar.* 8th March 1843, Georgina, third daughter of Colonel Ralph Bates, which name he assumed. Rector of Whalton, Northumberland.

ELLIOT, WILLIAM SCOTT, OF ARKLETON.

13th June 1833.

Apprentice to (1) George Lyon; and (2) William Bell.—Son of Adam Scott of Arkleton, Merchant in Leith. *Born* 22d March 1811. *Mar.* 6th March 1848, Margaret, daughter of Lewis A. Wallace, Architect, Edinburgh.

ELLIS, ADAM GIB.

9th December 1817.

Apprentice to William Dymock.—Son of William Ellis, S.S.C. *Born* 1794. *Died* 13th May 1864. *Mar.* 8th August 1823, Catherine, third daughter of Major David Robertson, Edinburgh. Fiscal, 1851-64.

ELLIS, ROBERT.

29th May 1828.

Apprentice to Adam Gib Ellis.—Son of William Ellis, S.S.C., Edinburgh. *Died* 18th July 1868, aged 72. *Mar.* 16th July 1829, Margaret Gillespie, eldest daughter of the Rev. Dr. Mitchell, Newtonhill.

ELLIS, WILLIAM.

15th November 1860.

Apprentice to, and son of, Robert Ellis, W.S.—*Born* 22d July 1830.

- ELPHINSTONE, SIR JAMES, OF LOGIE, BART. 16th August 1671.
Apprentice to Archibald Nisbet.—Son of William Elphinstone of Ressaviot. *Died* 10th March 1722, aged 78. *Mar.* 2d September 1673, Cecilia, daughter of John Denholm of Muirhouse. Created a Baronet 2d December 1701, “for his pure zeall to King William’s Government.” Commissary of Edinburgh, 1696; Joint Keeper of the Signet, 1691-1696; M.P. Aberdeenshire, 1693-1702.
- ERSKINE, DAVID. 18th June 1764.
Apprentice to (1) Hew Crawford, and (2) James Robertson-Barclay.—Fourth son of John Erskine of Carnock and Cardross, Advocate. *Died* at Naples 5th April 1791. *Mar.* 29th April 1781, Ann, daughter of William Graham of Airth.
- ERSKINE, DAVID, OF CARDROSS. 8th July 1796.
Apprentice to David Erskine and James Dundas.—Fourth son of James Erskine of Cardross, Perthshire. *Born* 10th January 1772. *Died* 28th November 1847. *Mar.* 5th September 1803, Hon. Keith Elphinstone, fourth daughter of John, eleventh Lord Elphinstone.
- ERSKINE, ROBERT. 16th August 1700.
Apprentice to Robert Watson.—*Died* before 1715.
- ESSON, GEORGE AULDJO. 24th March 1873.
Apprentice to T. G. Murray, and J. A. Jamieson.—Eldest surviving son of George Auldjo Esson, C.A. *Born* 25th January 1849.
- ESSON, THOMAS SKENE. 27th January 1882.
Apprentice to Frederick Pitman.—Second surviving son of George Auldjo Esson, C.A. *Born* 29th January 1858. *Mar.* 12th September 1889, Elizabeth Reid, youngest daughter of James S. Fleming, Cashier, Royal Bank of Scotland.
- EWART, JOHN. 20th October 1884.
Apprentice to John Turnbull.—Eldest son of James Ewart of Southland, New Zealand. *Born* 8th September 1852.
- EWART, THEODOSIUS FORREST. 16th November 1837.
Apprentice to William Grierson.—Son of David Ewart, Depute-Clerk of Chancery. *Born* 30th September 1813. *Died* 16th April 1848, unmarried. Assistant Clerk of Chancery, 1837-48.
- EWART, THOMAS. 21st November 1815.
Apprentice to Sir Henry Jardine.—Son of David Ewart, Deputy-Clerk of Chancery. *Died* at Charleston 6th March 1831. *Mar.* 16th September 1828, Alicia, daughter of Thomas Yorstoun, Chamberlain to the Duke of Queensberry. Struck off Roll 15th February 1830.
- EWING, JOHN, OF CRAIGTOWN. 21st July 1704.
Apprentice to John Cuninghame of Enterkin.—Son of Walter Ewing, W.S. *Died* 31st October 1733. *Mar.* 25th August 1698, Margaret, daughter of John Rowan of Bedland.

EWING, WALTER.

16th October 1658.

Apprentice to John Semple.—Son of — Ewing of Keppoch, Dumbartonshire.
Died before 1674. *Mar.* 1st December 1665, Mary, eldest daughter of —
Bryson of Craigtoun. Re-admitted 11th July 1661.

FALCONER, JAMES.

14th April 1884.

Apprentice to Thomas Jarron Gordon.—Son of Donald Falconer, residing at
Carmyllie, Forfarshire. *Born* 9th June 1856.

FALL, GEORGE.

24th December 1708.

Apprentice to Thomas Pringle.—*Died* 1726. Under-Keeper of the Signet, 2d
January 1710.

FARQUHAR, ARTHUR.

1st July 1837.

Apprentice to John Donaldson, and William Campbell of Queenshill.—Son of
James Farquhar, Surgeon in the Royal Navy. *Born* 15th March 1813. *Died*
13th September 1887, unmarried.

FARQUHAR, JOHN GRAY, OF GILMILLSCROFT.

2d March 1826.

Apprentice to (1) John Bowie, and (2) George Dunlop.—Son of Lieut.-Colonel
James Gray Farquhar, of Gilmillscroft, Ayrshire. *Born* 1803. *Died* 5th July
1836, unmarried.

FARQUHARSON, ALEXANDER.

26th July 1703.

Apprentice to Alexander Alisone.—*Died* 16th April 1734. *Mar.* Helen Mar-
shall.

FARQUHARSON, CHARLES, OF INVEREY AND ACHLOSSAN.

8th November 1708.

Apprentice to Sir James Elphinstone.—Son of John Farquharson of Inverey,
Aberdeenshire. *Died* unmarried.

FARQUHARSON, GEORGE.

2d March 1826.

Apprentice to Vans Hathorn.—Only son of Thomas Farquharson of Howden.
Died 13th July 1844, aged 50, unmarried.

FARQUHARSON, JAMES, OF WHITEHOUSE.

Signs the Acts 26th December 1627. Second son of Donald Farquharson of
Castleton of Braemar. Re-admitted 15th February 1661. *Died* 1666. *Mar.*
(1) Miss Hay, whose father was a lawyer in Edinburgh; and (2) Ann, daughter
of Colonel Gardyne, of the Russian Service.

FERGUS, JAMES.

4th July 1769.

Apprentice to William Fraser.—Son of John Fergus, Merchant in Edinburgh,
killed by the falling of the North Bridge, 3d August 1769. *Mar.* Susan Free-
bairn.

FERGUSON, SIR ADAM, KNIGHT.

23d November 1795.

Apprentice to (1) Lawrence Hill, and (2) Harry Davidson.—Son of Adam Ferguson, Professor of Moral Philosophy in the University of Edinburgh. *Born* 21st December 1770. *Died* 25th December 1854. *Mar.* 16th April 1821, Margaret, daughter of John Stewart of Stenton, and widow of George Lyon of Bucklersberry. Collector of Widows' Fund, 1803-5. Captain, 101st Foot, February 1808; served during Peninsula. Knighted 1822.

FERGUSON, JOHN.

28th January 1836.

Apprentice to David Welsh.—Son of James Ferguson, residing at Bonnington. *Born* 24th March 1814. *Died* 8th November 1865, unmarried.

FERGUSON, THOMAS.

16th June 1807.

Apprentice to James Thomson.—Second son of James Ferguson of Kinmundy, Aberdeenshire. *Born* 17th April 1768. *Died* 28th May 1828. *Mar.* 9th September 1802, Catherine, second daughter of James Cumine of Kininmonth.

FERGUSON, THOMAS.

22d June 1819.

Apprentice to Thomas Ferguson, his uncle.—Third son of James Ferguson of Kinmundy. *Born* 21st July 1794. *Died* 30th January 1831. *Mar.* 6th October 1828, Barbara, second daughter of James Hutchison, Merchant, Peterhead.

FERGUSON, WELLWOOD ROBERTSON.

16th July 1888.

Apprentice to William Ferguson and J. C. Junner.—Son of William Ferguson, W.S. *Born* 25th April 1865.

FERGUSON, WILLIAM.

11th March 1818.

Apprentice to William Gracie.—Only son of Walter Ferguson, Candlemaker in Edinburgh. *Born* 2d September 1786. *Died* 15th March 1849. *Mar.* 18th August 1815, Margaret, daughter of William Auchie, Edinburgh.

FERGUSON, WILLIAM.

17th July 1851.

Apprentice to Smith and Kinnear.—Son of William Ferguson, W.S. *Born* 25th January 1829. *Died* 24th January 1887. *Mar.* 21st August 1855, Elizabeth Robertson, daughter of Rev. William Glendonwyn Crosbie, Minister of Parton, Kirkcudbrightshire.

FERGUSON, HENRY DUNCAN.

15th February 1844.

Apprentice to Walker, Richardson, and Melville.—Sixth son of Sir James Ferguson of Kilkerran, Bart. *Born* 30th September 1817. *Died* 22d October, 1866. *Mar.* 16th June 1846, Anna, daughter of Robert Nasmyth, F.R.C.S., Edinburgh.

FERGUSON, JAMES.

7th June 1797.

Apprentice to Alexander Keith.—Son of John Fergusson, Coppersmith in Edinburgh. *Died* 26th May 1811. *Mar.* 12th January 1800, Isabella Anderson.

- FERGUSON, JAMES. 24th May 1814.
Apprentice to Joseph Cauvin.—Third son of Neil Fergusson of Woodhill, Perthshire, Advocate. *Born* 1793. *Died* 19th May 1850, unmarried.
- FERGUSON, JOHN. 6th June 1707.
Died 1726.
- FERGUSON, JOSEPH GILLON, OF ISLE. 16th November 1871.
Apprentice to Alexander Maconochie Hare.—Son of Robert Don Gillon Fergusson of Isle, Dumfriesshire. *Born* 14th January 1848. *Mar.* 24th January 1882, Edith Mary Scott, daughter of James Scott Elliot of Blackwood, Dumfriesshire.
- FERGUSON, SAMUEL ROBERT, OF MIDDLEHAUGH. 24th June 1835.
Apprentice to James Hope.—Son of James Fergusson of Middlehaugh, Perthshire. *Born* 29th May 1812. *Died* 26th September 1890. *Mar.* 21st April 1852, Janet, second daughter of Hugh Watson, Keillor, Forfarshire.
- FERRIE, THOMAS BROWN. 25th November 1824.
Apprentice to Robert Strachan.—Son of Alexander Ferrie, Writer in Edinburgh. *Died* 10th February 1860, aged 58. *Mar.* Jessie Dickson.
- FERRIER, ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL. 8th July 1796.
Apprentice to (1) David Erskine, and (2) James Dundas.—Second son of James Ferrier, W.S. *Born* 15th August 1773. *Died* 25th December 1814. *Mar.* 20th January 1800, Catherine, eldest daughter of Francis Garden, Merchant, Greenock.
- FERRIER, JAMES. 3d July 1770.
Apprentice to Archibald Campbell of Succoth.—Third son of John Ferrier of Kirkland, Renfrewshire, and his wife Grizel, daughter and heiress of Sir William Sandilands Hamilton, Bart., of Westport and Belsyde, Linlithgowshire. *Born* 1744. *Died* 18th January 1829. *Mar.* February 1767, Helen, daughter of Robert Coutts, Montrose. Principal Clerk of Session, 25th May 1802 to 22d June 1826. Father of Susan Edmonstone Ferrier, novelist.
- FERRIER, JOHN. 24th February 1794.
Apprentice to, and eldest son of, James Ferrier, W.S.—*Born* 25th October 1771. *Died* 23d November 1857. *Mar.* 4th May 1804, Margaret, daughter of John Wilson, Merchant in Paisley. Deputy-Keeper of the Great Seal.
- FERRIER, JOHN WILSON. 21st November 1833.
Apprentice to, and son of, John Ferrier, W.S.—*Born* 8th September 1810. *Died* 13th December 1845, unmarried.
- FERRIER, THOMAS HENRY. 13th July 1848.
Apprentice to John Mackenzie Lindsay.—Son of Walter Ferrier, W.S. *Born* 20th July 1822. *Died* 24th March 1887. *Mar.* 28th March 1871, Elizabeth, daughter of the Rev. Samuel Key, of Fulford Hall, Patron and Vicar of the parish of Fulford, Yorkshire.

- FERRIER, WALTER, OF TORAVON. 15th November 1811.
Apprentice to John Ferrier, his brother.—Sixth and youngest son of James Ferrier, W.S. *Born* 24th March 1784. *Died* 13th August 1856. *Mar.* 15th December 1818, Henrietta, only daughter of Thomas Gordon, Merchant in Dumfries.
- FIELD, HENRY. 14th March 1872.
Apprentice to James Steuart.—Youngest son of the Rev. Edward Burch Field, of Moreland, Kinross-shire. *Born* 28th May 1847. *Mar.* 24th October 1878, Joan Grassie, daughter of William Lawson, Halifax, Nova Scotia.
- FIELD, JAMES HAMILTON. 13th May 1869.
Apprentice to John Brown Innes.—Eldest surviving son of the Rev. Edward B. Field of Moreland, Kinross-shire. *Born* 15th November 1843. *Died* 9th January 1879, unmarried.
- FINLAY, GILBERT LAURIE. 8th February 1816.
Apprentice to William Balderston.—Son of the Rev. William Finlay, Minister of Polmont. *Born* 29th September 1792. *Died* 1st April 1872. *Mar.* 6th May 1822, Grace Hunter, daughter of George Charles, M.D., Ayr. Manager of the Edinburgh Life Assurance Company.
- FINLAY, CHARLES PATRICK. 18th November 1858.
Apprentice to John Scott and Sir John Gillespie.—Fourth son of Gilbert Laurie Finlay, W.S. *Born* 15th September 1833. *Mar.* 15th January 1861, Anne Arabella, eldest daughter of Major-General Robert Stewart, H.E.I.C.S.
- FINLAY, JOHN HOPE. 21st November 1867.
Apprentice to Alexander Forsyth Adam and John Kirk.—Son of Charles Finlay, Assistant Clerk of Session. *Born* 13th January 1839. *Mar.* (1) 13th June 1878, Jane Bertram, daughter of Alexander Ronaldson, Glasgow; and (2) 13th September 1883, Jane Ferguson, youngest daughter of Alexander Annandale and widow of Alexander Duncan. Keeper of the Register of Sasines, 1888.
- FINLAY, NINIAN JAMIESON. 25th May 1883.
Apprentice to John Cowan and James A. Dalmahoy.—Son of William Finlay, M.D., Trinity. *Born* 31st January 1858.
- FINLAY, ROBERT, OF WALLYFORD. 8th July 1796.
Apprentice to (1) Samuel Mitchelson, and (2) John Tait.—Eldest son of James Finlay of Wallyford. *Died* 11th April 1808.
- FINLAY, THOMAS, OF BALCHRYSTIE. 24th May 1720.
Apprentice to John M'Farlane.—Son of James Finlay of Balchrystie, Fifeshire. *Died* June 1760. Attorney-at-law, Barbadoes.

FINLAYSON, WALTER.

10th March 1813.

Apprentice to Charles Bremner.—Son of William Finlayson, Depute-Clerk of the Bills. *Died* at Jamaica, 21st December 1841, aged 60, unmarried. Stipendiary Magistrate for district of Montego Bay, Jamaica.

FISHER, JOHN.

22d February 1838.

Apprentice to Walker, Richardson, and Melville.—Eldest son of Daniel Fisher, S.S.C. *Born* 17th July 1814.

FLEEMING, ROBERT.

5th May 1796.

Apprentice to Francis Strachan.—Son of Robert Fleeming, Printer in Edinburgh. *Died* 26th July 1847, aged 76, unmarried.

FLEMING, ALEXANDER.

13th November 1816.

Apprentice to Sir William Drysdale.—Son of the Rev. Alexander Fleming, D.D., Minister of Hamilton. *Born* 1793. *Died* 27th July 1879. *Mar.* 14th March 1850, Euphemia, daughter of David Scott, Farmer, Northfield, Mid-Lothian.

FLEMING, HEW.

8th March 1726.

Apprentice to Robert Hepburn.—*Died* March 1737.

FLETCHER, ANGUS.

4th July 1822.

Apprentice to John Archibald Campbell.—Second son of Archibald Fletcher, Advocate. *Died* 6th March 1862, aged 63, unmarried. Relinquished the Legal profession and became a Sculptor in London.

FLETCHER, ARCHIBALD, OF PARKHILL.

4th July 1783.

Apprentice to William Wilson.—Son of Angus Fletcher, Poobale, Glenlyon, brother of Archibald Fletcher of Dunans. *Born* 1745. *Died* 20th December 1828. *Mar.* 16th July 1791, Eliza, daughter of Miles Dawson, Tadcastle. Having been admitted Advocate 1791, struck off Roll of Society.

FLETCHER, OR FLESHEOUR, DAVID.

19th — 1594.

Brother of Robert Fletcher, Merchant Burgess, Dundee. *Died* about 1617.

FLETCHER, WILLIAM.

11th April 1887.

Apprentice to Robert Burt Ranken.—Fourth son of William Fletcher, Merchant in Elgin. *Born* 12th June 1861.

FORBES, ALEXANDER.

25th March 1635.

Apprentice to John Baird.

FORBES, ALEXANDER.

6th December 1773.

Apprentice to John Watson.—Son of James Forbes of Balfour. *Died* 1799.

FORBES, ALEXANDER.

20th July 1841.

Apprentice to James Shepherd.—Son of the Rev. George Forbes, of Bleloch and Inverernan, Aberdeenshire. *Born* 8th October 1819. *Died* 1850, unmarried.

- FORBES, ANDREW. 3d July 1792.
Apprentice to John Russell, junior.—Son of George Forbes, of Upper Boyndlie, Aberdeenshire. *Died* 5th May 1795.
- FORBES, ARTHUR, OF SCHIVES. 1st March 1697.
Apprentice to Sir James Elphinstone of Logie.—Fourth son of Sir John Forbes, second Baronet of Craigievar. *Born* 1669. *Died* 1726. *Mar.* Margaret Fraser.
- FORBES, ARTHUR.
See GORDON, ARTHUR FORBES.
- FORBES, WILLIAM. 19th August 1720.
Apprentice to John Stewart.—Second son of Sir David Forbes of Newhall, Mid-Lothian. *Died* 29th April 1771. *Mar.* 3d August 1722, Ann, daughter of James Nairn, one of the Bailies of Edinburgh. *Fiscal*, 8th November 1725.
- FORBES, WILLIAM, OF CASTLETON. 17th November 1825.
Apprentice to James Thomas.—Son of Robert Forbes of Castleton, Kincardineshire. *Born* 1799. *Died* 7th August 1872. *Mar.* 28th August 1849, Jane Duff Grant, eldest daughter of Robert Watson, Banker, Forres.
- FORMAN, ALEXANDER GEORGE. 2d July 1868.
Apprentice to (1) Edmund Baxter, and (2) John Nairne Forman, his father.—*Born* 17th April 1845.
- FORMAN, JAMES. 16th November 1784.
Apprentice to Alexander Abercromby.—Son of James Forman, tenant in Blackdub, Stirling. *Died* 12th March 1824.
- FORMAN, JOHN, OF STAFFA. 9th July 1801.
Apprentice to James Forman, his uncle.—Eldest son of John Forman, Stirling. *Born* 26th September 1775. *Died* 4th December 1841. *Mar.* 29th May 1805, Hannah, daughter of the Rev. James Nairne, of Claremont, D.D., Minister of Pittenweem.
- FORMAN, JOHN. 30th November 1819.
Apprentice to, and son of, James Forman, W.S.—*Died* 12th September 1821.
- FORMAN, JOHN NAIRNE, OF STAFFA. 22d November 1827.
Apprentice to, and son of, John Forman of Staffa, W.S.—*Born* 6th April 1806. *Died* 30th January 1884. *Mar.* 16th October 1835, Jane, only daughter of Robert Mitchell of Airth, Stirlingshire.
- FORMAN, JOHN. 13th November 1862.
Apprentice to, and son of, John Nairne Forman, W.S.—*Born* 4th January 1838. *Died* 18th February 1882. *Mar.* 23d April 1872, Catherine, second surviving daughter of B. G. Cooper of Hazel Grove, Cheshire.

FORREST, JAMES.

25th June 1770.

Apprentice to John Bell.—Third son of John Forrest, Merchant in Edinburgh.
Born 1744. *Died* 1st July 1820. *Mar.* 10th December 1776, Catherine, only
 daughter of James Forrest of Comiston, Mid-Lothian.

FORREST, JOHN ARTHUR.

15th July 1884.

Apprentice to John William Young and John Blair.—Third son of Lieut.-
 Colonel Sir William Forrest of Comiston, Bart. *Born* 10th January 1860.

FORREST, THOMAS, OF KIRKTON.

23d November 1631.

Apprentice to John Ker.—*Died* 2d January 1652. *Mar.* (1) Janet Hay, (2)
 Grizel Lockhart.

FORRESTER, ANDREW.

14th November 1872.

Apprentice to (1) J. C. Tait and H. H. Crichton, and (2) Donald Beith.—Son
 of William Forrester of Glenmiln, Stirlingshire. *Born* 22d July 1839. *Mar.*
 1st September 1870, Margaret Crichton, daughter of Andrew Carmichael
 Haddow of Little Galla, Lanarkshire.

FORRESTER, JOHN.

12th June 1823.

Apprentice to Alexander Goldie.—Son of the Rev. Alexander Forrester, Minister
 of West Linton. *Born* 3d March 1799. *Died* 11th September 1882. *Mar.* 8th
 September 1829, Lillias, daughter of Robert Cowan, Surgeon, Glasgow.

FORRESTER, WILLIAM.

22d July 1682.

Apprentice to Andrew Young.—Son of Mr. Alexander Forrester, one of the
 Ministers of the City of Edinburgh. *Died* October 1701. *Mar.* Rachel, daughter
 of David Balfour of Forret, one of the Senators of the College of Justice.

FORSYTH, HENRY.

18th May 1837.

Apprentice to (1) James Swan, and (2) Donald Horne.—Son of Robert Forsyth,
 Advocate. *Born* 29th June 1814. *Mar.* 9th October 1846, Janet Spottiswoode,
 daughter of John Sawers of Bell's Mills. Procurator-Fiscal at Forfar, 1847-1864.

FORTOUN, ROBERT.

Signs Minute of 17th January 1606.—*Mar.* 14th May 1607, Margaret Gibson.

FOTHERINGHAM, FREDERICK.

6th December 1791.

Apprentice to Thomas Innes.—Son of Dr. Robert Fotheringham, Physician in
 Dundee. *Died* 16th December 1824. *Mar.*

FOTHERINGHAM, FREDERICK.

17th November 1814.

Apprentice to Alexander Pearson.—Fifth son of Alexander Ogilvy Fotheringham
 of Powrie, Forfarshire. *Born* 1792. *Died* 15th January, 1877, unmarried.

FOTHERINGHAM, HENRY.

23d November 1827.

Apprentice to (1) William Berry, (2) Alexander Kettle, and (3) John Forman.—
 Eldest son of Henry Fotheringham, residing at the Inch, near Kincardine. *Died*
 17th March 1842, aged 43, unmarried.

- FRANK, JOHN, OF BUGHTRIG. 2d January 1682.
Fiscal, 1684-6. Treasurer, 1686-91. Advocate, 16th June 1691. *Died* 1699, aged 61. *Mar.* (1) 23d August 1674, Sarah Greer; and (2) 26th July 1690, Agnes, daughter of William Syme, Advocate.
- FRASER, ALEXANDER. 23d November 1795.
Apprentice to, and second son of, James Fraser, W.S.—*Died* 9th September 1816.
- FRASER, ALEXANDER DAVID. 10th March 1820.
Apprentice to Charles Tawse.—Youngest son of Simon Fraser of Farraline, Inverness-shire. *Born* 1795. *Died* 6th October 1839, unmarried.
- FRASER, ANDREW. 22d November 1832.
Apprentice to Robert Roy.—Son of Angus Fraser, residing in Dornoch. *Born* 31st May 1805. *Died* 15th June 1873. *Mar.* 23d June 1841, Janet, youngest daughter of Robert Brown of Gilston. Sheriff-Substitute at Fort-William, 1838-1873.
- FRASER, DONALD. 12th December 1796.
Apprentice to James Ferrier.—Son of the Rev. Paul Fraser, Minister at Craignenk. *Died* 1802.
- FRASER, HUGH, OF STRUY. 7th February 1822.
Apprentice to James Robertson.—Second son of Hugh Fraser, of Struy, Inverness-shire. *Died* 2d December 1866.
- FRASER, JAMES, OF GORTULLEG. 29th July 1762.
Apprentice to William Fraser, of Balnain.—Son of Thomas Fraser, younger of Gortulleg, Inverness-shire. *Died* 30th November 1805, aged 76, from injuries received by his carriage being upset. *Mar.* 19th January 1769, Jean, eldest daughter of Alexander Spalding of Holm, Kirkcudbrightshire.
- FRASER, JAMES JOHN. 29th November 1821.
Apprentice to Robert Hill.—Son of Charles Fraser of Williamston, Aberdeen-shire. *Born* 1801. *Died* 3d June 1839, unmarried.
- FRASER, JOHN, OF BORLUM. 29th June 1752.
Apprentice to William Fraser.—Son of John Fraser, Merchant in Inverness. *Died* 17th August 1795, aged 84. *Mar.* (contract dated 30th October 1744) Jean, eldest daughter of David Brown of Golf Hall, Edinburgh.
- FRASER, SIMON, OF FORD. 19th December 1767.
Apprentice to, and eldest son of, William Fraser of Ford, W.S.—*Died* 25th September 1819. *Mar.* 2d March 1784, Janet Cruickshank, daughter of Captain Charles Douglas of Cliftonhall, Philadelphia.

FRASER, WILLIAM, OF BALNAIN.

2d February 1736.

Apprentice to (1) Hercules Scot; and (2) Harry Maule.—Second son of Alexander Fraser of Balnain. *Died* 10th December 1775. *Mar.* November 1748, Jane, daughter of Archibald Macaulay of Ardencaple, Lord Provost of Edinburgh.

FRASER, WILLIAM, OF FORD.

11th March 1740.

Apprentice to James Budge.—Son of William Fraser of Belforth. *Died* 3d March 1767. *Mar.* 1738, Julian, daughter of John Campbell of Lochdochart.

FRASER, WILLIAM, OF GLENMADE.

21st June 1813.

Apprentice to Craufurd Tait.—Son of Luke Fraser of Glenmade, one of the Masters of the High School of Edinburgh. *Born* 1786. *Died* 26th September 1862. *Mar.* 30th April 1823, Bethia, daughter of Francis Taylor, Edinburgh.

FRASER, WILLIAM, YOUNGER OF CULBOCKIE.

10th February 1825.

Apprentice to James Mackenzie and William Innes.—Eldest son of William Fraser of Culbockie. *Died* 6th January 1829. *Mar.* 25th July 1826, Margaret, eldest daughter of David George Sandeman of Springland, Perthshire.

FRASER, WILLIAM (TERTIUS).

20th November 1828.

Apprentice to Francis Wilson.—Son of William Fraser, Edinburgh. *Born* 27th November 1805. *Died* 8th April 1874. *Mar.* 17th July 1833, Margaret, youngest daughter of John Torrance, Writer in Hamilton. Town-Clerk of the Canongate.

FRASER, WILLIAM STUART.

30th May 1861.

Apprentice to, and son of, William Fraser (tertius), W.S.—*Born* 3d October 1836. *Mar.* 14th April 1875, Annabella, youngest surviving daughter of George Brooke Nelson, Solicitor, Leeds.

FREER, DAVID.

12th March 1788.

Apprentice to Alexander Duncan.—Second son of David Freer of Innernethy. *Born* 1761. *Died* 22d January 1837, unmarried.

FRENCH, JOHN.

9th July 1829.

Apprentice to James Swan.—Youngest son of James French, Burnhouse, Lanarkshire. *Born* 9th May 1801. *Died* 16th September 1869. *Mar.* 30th January 1841, Christian, daughter of John Cameron, Woodville, Murrayfield.

FRENCH, JOHN, LL.B.

13th April 1886.

Apprentice to George Robertson and John H. Finlay.—Son of John French, Merchant, Leith. *Born* 6th December 1859.

FULLARTON, ADAM.

24th November 1686.

Apprentice to John Muir.—*Died* about 1714. *Mar.* Agnes Scott.

FULLARTON, ROBERT, OF BARTONHOLM.

10th August 1705.

Apprentice to Adam Fullarton.—Second son of George Fullarton of Fullarton and Dreghorn, Ayrshire. *Died* September 1754. *Mar.* 15th March 1716, Grizel, daughter of John Stuart of Ascog, Buteshire.

- FULLARTON, ROBERT, OF CRAIGHALL. 18th September 1714.
Apprentice to Adam Fullarton.—Eldest son of Robert Fullarton of Craighall, Ayrshire. *Died* 23d March 1757. *Mar.* September 1713, Margaret, daughter of John Wallace, Merchant, Edinburgh. Comptroller of the Customs.
- FYFE, ALEXANDER. 20th August 1697.
Apprentice to Colin Campbell of Carwhin.—*Died* 3d April 1718. *Mar.* 17th March 1696, Catherine Forbes, relict of George Watt, Writer, Edinburgh. Author of *The Royal Martyr, King Charles I. : an Opera*, 1705.
- GAIRDNER, ROBERT.
Signs Minute of 16th December 1594.
- GAIRDNER, THOMAS. 17th June 1816.
Apprentice to (1) Robert Cathcart; and (2) John Kermack.—Son of Captain Robert Gairdner of Mountcharles. *Died* 2d March 1860, aged 68. *Mar.* 16th August 1831, Marion Dalrymple, daughter of John Montgomery.
- GALBRAITH, DAVID STEUART, OF MACHRICHANISH. 27th May 1824.
Apprentice to Norman Lockhart.—Second son of Daniel Galbraith, Farmer in Dunaltach. *Born* 9th October 1782. *Died* 27th December 1863. *Mar.* (1) 9th June 1812, Elizabeth, only daughter of James Fraser, R.N., Plymouth; (2) 12th May 1863, Elizabeth Alger.
- GALBRAITH, JAMES FRASER. 23d February 1844.
Apprentice to James Stewart Ducat.—Eldest son of David Steuart Galbraith of Machrichanish, Argyllshire, W.S. *Born* 22d August 1813. *Died* 27th March 1858. *Mar.* 1845, Cecilia Sarah De Lisle.
- GALBRAITH, WILLIAM, LL.B. 16th January 1888.
Apprentice to William S. Fraser.—Son of Thomas Littlejohn Galbraith, Sheriff-Clerk of Stirlingshire. *Born* 22d October 1861.
- GARDINER, JAMES, OF HAUGHHEAD. 22d January 1835.
Apprentice to Alexander Dallas and Thomas Innes.—Son of the Rev. Matthew Gardiner, D.D., Minister of Bothwell. *Born* 19th May 1811. *Died* 8th December 1879. *Mar.* 16th October 1855, Charlotte, daughter of Louis Henry Ferrier of Belsyde, and widow of Sir John Egton Campbell of Auchinbreck, Bart. Sheriff-Substitute at Campbeltown, 1848-1879.
- GARDNER, ALEXANDER. 30th June 1789.
Apprentice to Alexander Duncan.—Eldest son of Alexander Gardner, Farmer at Reddoch, Stirlingshire. *Died* 1816.
- GARDNER, HAMILTON GRAY. 22d June 1837.
Apprentice to John Hunter, jun.—Eldest son of Gilbert Ogilvy Gardner, residing in Edinburgh. *Born* 26th May 1814. *Died* 25th February 1863, unmarried.

GARDNER, JOHN.

21st December 1786.

Apprentice to Isaac Grant.—Eldest son of Alexander Gardner, Jeweller in Edinburgh. *Died* 1794. Attorney-at-law, Jamaica.

GARDNER, PETER.

28th December 1868.

Apprentice to Thomas G. Mackay and Alexander Howe.—Son of James Gardner, Orchardbank, near Perth. *Born* 14th November 1835. *Mar.* 13th April 1881, Georgiana Christian, daughter of James Swanston, Marshall Meadows, Berwick.

GARDNER, WILLIAM.

22d February 1813.

Apprentice to Sir James Gibson-Craig.—Second son of Alexander Gardner, Writer in Edinburgh. *Born* 1784. *Died* 11th June 1836, unmarried.

GARDYNE, JAMES CARNEGIE, OF FINHAVEN.

11th December 1810.

Apprentice to George Russell.—Second son of Thomas Carnegie of Craigo, Forfarshire. *Born* 3d November 1785. *Died* 6th June 1864, unmarried.

GARSON, WILLIAM.

18th March 1889.

Apprentice to W. F. Skene and Lewis Bilton.—Son of George Garson, Stromness. *Born* 20th December 1855.

GARTSHORE, JAMES, OF ALDERSTON.

6th October 1729.

Apprentice to Alexander Hamilton of Pencaitland.—Son of Mr. James Gartshore, Minister of Carmichael. *Died* 23d January 1774. *Mar.* (1) Jean, daughter of Sir Patrick Scott of Ancrum, and widow of David Muirhead of Linhouse; and (2) June 1756, Helen, daughter of John Spottiswoode, Advocate.

GENTLE, JAMES.

8th July 1823.

Apprentice to James Greig.—Son of James Gentle, S.S.C. *Born* 5th January 1799. *Died* 5th October 1890, unmarried.

GIBSON, SIR ALEXANDER, OF DURIE.

Son of Sir Alexander Gibson of Durie, one of the Senators of the College of Justice. Commissioner, 18th October 1631. Clerk of Council and Session, 25th July 1632. Knighted 15th March 1641. Lord Clerk Register, 13th November 1641. Raised to the Bench 2d July 1646; deprived 13th February 1649. *Died* June 1656. *Mar.* Cecilia, daughter of Thomas Fotheringham of Powrie.

GIBSON, ARCHIBALD.

4th January 1630.

Apprentice to William Cunningham.—*Died* 1660. *Mar.* Rebecca Logan.

GIBSON, ARCHIBALD.

29th June 1661.

Apprentice to John Rowan.—Fourth son of Andrew Gibson, Burgess of Edinburgh, and brother to Alexander Gibson, Dean of Bower. *Died* September 1666.

GIBSON, ARCHIBALD.

5th July 1782.

Apprentice to Thomas Cockburn.—Only son of Rev. John Gibson, Minister of St. Cuthbert's. *Died* 9th April 1845. *Mar.* (1) 22d September 1785, Grace, daughter of Thomas Hogg, Merchant in Edinburgh; and (2) May 1817, Helen Blackie.

GIBSON, HENRY GORDON.

29th May 1851.

Apprentice to, and second son of, John Gibson, jun., W.S.—*Born* 20th March 1827. *Died* 8th February 1869. *Mar.* 21st June 1860, Elizabeth Murray, eldest daughter of Major J. M. Home, 36th Regiment.

GIBSON, JAMES.

See CRAIG, SIR JAMES GIBSON.

GIBSON, JAMES THOMAS, LL.B.

13th April 1885.

Apprentice to Francis James Dewar.—Son of Robert Gibson, Merchant, Edinburgh. *Born* 3d February 1859.

GIBSON, JOHN.

19th November 1805.

Apprentice to John Hunter.—Son of Alexander Gibson, Town-Clerk of Paisley. *Died* 1823. *Mar.* 4th December 1806, Agnes Mitchell, daughter of Ebenezer Mason, Merchant, Edinburgh.

GIBSON, JOHN.

12th June 1818.

Apprentice to, and eldest son of, Archibald Gibson, W.S.—*Born* 1st February 1789. *Died* 31st January 1879. *Mar.* (1) 21st July 1818, his cousin, Catherine, third daughter of John Dickson of Kilbucho, Peeblesshire, Advocate; and (2) 10th April 1849, Mary Ann Mazyck, second daughter of Paul Weston, Physician, Charleston, U.S.A. *Treasurer*, 1862-70.

GIBSON, JOHN (TERTIUS).

16th July 1819.

Apprentice to James Nairne.—Son of George Gibson, Merchant in Leith. *Born* 15th January 1796. *Died* 14th September 1877. *Mar.* 14th September 1824, Charlotte Ellen, eldest daughter of John Gordon, Edinburgh. *Deputy-Keeper of Great Seal*, 1853-1858.

GIBSON, JOHN HENRY.

16th January 1888.

Apprentice to Robert Strathern.—Son of Henry Gordon Gibson, W.S. *Born* 1st August 1862.

GIBSON, THOMAS.

26th August 1718.

Apprentice to Hugh Somerville.—Son of Alexander Gibson of Durie, Fifeshire. *Died* 6th April 1779. *Mar.* Jean, daughter of Colonel Thomas Dalrymple of the Scots Guards. *Principal Clerk of Session*, 29th July 1726 till death.

GIBSON, WILLIAM.

29th May 1878.

Apprentice to James Campbell Tait.—Son of Andrew Gibson, Auchinleck, Ayrshire. *Born* 27th July 1851. *Mar.* 31st March 1886, Jane Leyden, eldest daughter of George M'Intosh, S.S.C., Edinburgh.

GIFFORD, ADAM WEST.

13th April 1885.

Apprentice to Colin Mackenzie, A. D. M. Black, and J. M. Mackenzie.—Son of John Gifford, Edinburgh. *Born* 12th January 1862.

GILCHRIST, DUGALD, YOUNGER OF OPISDALE.

23d June 1829.

Apprentice to Adam Gib Ellis.—Eldest son of Dugald Gilchrist of Opisdale, Sutherlandshire. *Born* 1804. *Died* 1st December 1834, unmarried.

GILCHRIST, JAMES.

28th November 1791.

Apprentice to Hugh Corrie.—Eldest son of James Gilchrist, Merchant in Dumfries. *Died* 28th August 1816. *Mar.* 2d August 1802, Jessie, daughter of Hugh Corrie of Calloch, W.S.

GILKERSONE, JAMES.

27th November 1655.

GILLANDERS, GEORGE.

17th December 1829.

Apprentice to Richard Mackenzie and William Sharpe.—Second son of John Gillanders of Highfield, Ross-shire. *Born* 1805. *Died* in India, 12th October 1846, unmarried.

GILLESPIE, SIR JOHN, KNIGHT.

18th July 1844.

Apprentice to J. O. Mackenzie and William Sharpe.—Second son of George Gillespie of Biggar Park. *Born* 3d May 1822. *Mar.* 18th March 1847, Margaret Ross, daughter of George Robertson, one of the Deputy-Keepers of the Records. Joint Secretary to the Royal Company of Archers. Knighted 1883.

GILLESPIE, JOHN HAMILTON.

21st April 1875.

Apprentice to, and second son of, Sir John Gillespie, Kt., W.S.—*Born* 14th October 1852. *Mar.* 17th September 1880, Mary Ann M'Ivor.

GILMOUR, JOHN.

6th May 1598.

Commissioner, 26th December 1627. *Died* before 1638. *Mar.* Elizabeth Edmond. Father of Sir John Gilmour of Craigmillar, Lord President.

GILMOUR, ROBERT.

12th July 1638.

Son of John Gilmour, W.S.—*Died* about 1647.

GILMOUR, ROBERT LITTLE.

4th March 1790.

Apprentice to Robert Sym.—Son of William Charles Little Gilmour of Liberton, Mid-Lothian. *Died* 29th March 1820.

GLASS, ALEXANDER.

4th November 1695.

Apprentice to Robert Watson.—*Died* 8th February 1733. *Mar.* Jean Blackwood. Joint Fiscal, 1699-1702. Treasurer of Society, 1714-22.

GLASS, WILLIAM.

18th November 1830.

Apprentice to Walter Jollie.—Son of David Glass of Smiddygreen, Fifeshire. *Died* 6th February 1857, aged 51, unmarried.

- GLEN, ALEXANDER.** 8th June 1804.
Apprentice to James Home of Linhouse.—Third son of the Rev. Alexander Glen, Minister of Dirleton. *Died* 1841, aged 61, unmarried.
- GLOAG, THOMAS, OF CHAPELTON.** 28th June 1793.
Apprentice to George Cuming.—Eldest son of John Gloag, Merchant in Edinburgh. *Died* 4th January 1810. *Mar.* 21st September 1801, Elizabeth, daughter of Captain John McIntosh of Harwood.
- GLOVER, JOHN.** 16th July 1889.
Apprentice to (1) John Bruce; and (2) A. T. S. Scott.—Son of Henry Douglas Glover, Solicitor, Gatehouse-of-Fleet. *Born* 19th August 1865.
- GLOVER, WILLIAM.** 12th June 1823.
Apprentice to Peter Couper.—Son of John Glover, Wright in Leith. *Died* 17th February 1864, aged 66. *Mar.* 22d September 1823, Jane, daughter of James Cumming, Shipmaster in Leith.
- GOLDIE, ALEXANDER, OF RYES.** 25th January 1742.
Apprentice to, and son of, Thomas Goldie, W.S.—*Died* 1782. *Mar.* May 1747, Elizabeth, daughter of Patrick Heron, younger of Heron.
- GOLDIE, ALEXANDER, OF BROOMLEE.** 17th October 1798.
Apprentice to Hugh Corrie.—Fourth son of James Goldie of Stenhouse. *Died* 26th December 1850, aged 80. *Mar.* 16th September 1799, Miss Corsan, Baldoon.
- GOLDIE, ARCHIBALD WATSON.** 5th March 1818.
Apprentice to James Gilchrist.—Second son of Archibald Goldie in Shaws of Tinwald. *Born* 21st January 1793. *Died* 19th November 1872. *Mar.* (1) 14th March 1833, Frances, daughter of Darcy Lever of Arklington Hall, Yorks; and (2) 25th October 1860, Henrietta Townsend, daughter of Rev. George Vaughan Hart, younger of Glen Alla, Donegal.
- GOLDIE, JAMES.** 17th February 1825.
Apprentice to, and son of, Alexander Goldie, W.S.—*Born* 1801. *Died* 10th March 1834, unmarried.
- GOLDIE, THOMAS.** 26th March 1723.
Apprentice to William Alves.—*Died* 14th December 1741. *Mar.* Henrietta Sharp. Writer to the Privy Seal, 14th June 1733.
- GOLDIE, WILLIAM, OF BROOMLEE.** 24th June 1835.
Apprentice to, and son of, Alexander Goldie, W.S.—*Born* 9th August 1803. *Died* 7th August 1868. *Mar.* 28th May 1839, Mary, eldest daughter of Captain Charles Hope Reid of Grangehill, Ayrshire.

- GORDON, ADAM, OF ARRADOUL AND CAIRNFIELD. 16th June 1796.
Apprentice to Craufurd Tait.—Second son of John Gordon of Cairnfield, Banffshire. *Born* 13th February 1773. *Died* 17th March 1847. *Mar.* 4th March 1799, Elizabeth, daughter of Patrick Cruickshank of Stracathro, Forfarshire.
- GORDON, ADAM HAY, OF AVOCHIE. 15th November 1827.
Apprentice to John Gordon.—Second son of Major Adam Hay, of the 35th Regiment. *Born* 18th September 1803. *Died* 8th April 1872. *Mar.* 13th April 1841, Anne M'Kerrel, eldest daughter of James Brown, Chartered Accountant, Edinburgh. Assumed name of Gordon.
- GORDON, ALEXANDER, OF CAIRNFIELD. 25th November 1723.
Apprentice to George Kennedy.—Son of Robert Gordon of Lunan. *Died* 21st February 1775, aged 87. *Mar.* (1) Elizabeth, daughter of Gordon of Cairnfield; and (2) Jane, daughter of Gordon of Shillagreens.
- GORDON, ARTHUR FORBES, OF RAYNE. 9th December 1830.
Apprentice to John Gordon, junr.—Son of Colonel Arthur Forbes of the 32d Regiment. *Born* 2d June 1806. *Died* 27th August 1873. *Mar.* 20th April 1843, Charlotte, eldest daughter of Colonel William Balfour of Trenaby, Orkney.
- GORDON, ALEXANDER SHAND. 17th March 1890.
Apprentice to Henry Tod.—Son of Alexander Gordon, S.S.C., Edinburgh. *Born* 17th July 1867.
- GORDON, CHARLES, OF CLUNY. 15th July 1763.
Apprentice to William Fraser of Ford.—Second son of John Gordon of Cluny, Aberdeenshire. *Died* 8th May 1814. *Mar.* 8th November 1775, Joanna, daughter of Thomas Trotter of Mortonhall, Mid-Lothian.
- GORDON, CHARLES. 7th July 1824.
Apprentice to John Ker.—Son of Charles Gordon, Advocate in Aberdeen. *Died* 12th October 1848, aged 47, unmarried.
- GORDON, DAVID HUTCHISON, OF LARGLANGLEE. 15th June 1837.
Apprentice to Andrew Storie.—Fourth son of Robert Gordon, Writer in Kirkcudbright. *Born* 10th August 1813. *Died* 16th March 1878, unmarried. Procurator-Fiscal of Kirkcudbright, 1839-78.
- GORDON, GEORGE. 15th March 1720.
Apprentice to Ronald Campbell.—*Died* 21st March 1747. *Mar.* 2d August 1727, Katherine, daughter of James Cleland, Merchant, Edinburgh.
- GORDON, GEORGE. January 1740.
Apprentice to James Craig.—Eldest son of George Gordon, Writer in Edinburgh, *Born* 1715. *Died* 16th October 1783. *Mar.* February 1747, Joan Mary, daughter of Captain James Muirhead of Lauchope, Lanarkshire.

- GORDON, GEORGE MORE, OF CHARLETON. 29th June 1838.
Apprentice to Adam Gib and Robert Ellis.—Son of John Shank More, Advocate.
Born 21st March 1816. *Mar.* 10th August 1848, Janet, daughter of Harry Gordon, Liverpool.
- GORDON, GORDON CLUNES. 19th July 1842.
Apprentice to, and second son of, Joseph Gordon, W.S.—*Born* 29th May 1811.
Died 25th November 1843, unmarried.
- GORDON, REV. HENRY. 1st July 1825.
Apprentice to, and eldest son of, Thomas Gordon, W.S.—*Died* 13th December 1880, unmarried. Licensed 1835; called to Presbyterian Church, Gananoque, Canada, 1837; Moderator of Presbyterian Church of Canada, 1854.
- GORDON, HUNTER. 3d June 1824.
Apprentice to, and eldest son of, James Farquhar Gordon, W.S.—*Died* 1855, aged 54, unmarried. Latterly a Barrister in London.
- GORDON, JAMES.
Deputy-Keeper of the Signet, 1631.
- GORDON, JAMES. 12th November 1829.
Apprentice to James Mackenzie and William Innes.—Son of William Gordon of Hallmyre, Peeblesshire. *Died* 11th March 1870. *Mar.* 18th July 1844, Harriet, eldest daughter of J. Davis, Seatown.
- GORDON, JAMES. 20th November 1845.
Apprentice to Andrew Storie and William R. Baillie.—Eldest son of the Rev. Robert Gordon, D.D., one of the Ministers of Edinburgh. *Born* 24th July 1821. *Mar.* 18th June 1852, Agnes Webster, second daughter of J. H. Millar, Merchant, Glasgow. Sheriff-Substitute at Banff, 1853-77.
- GORDON, JAMES FARQUHAR. 19th December 1794.
Apprentice to (1) John Gordon; and (2) Adam Rolland.—Eldest son of John Gordon of Balmoor, W.S. *Died* 23d December 1843. *Mar.* (1) 13th November 1797, Lillas, daughter of Charles Hunter of Burnside, Forfarshire; and (2) 1805, Margaret, only child of Robert Haldane of Airthrey, Stirlingshire.
- GORDON, JAMES FRASER. 15th July 1852.
Apprentice to Robert Mackay.—Son of William Gordon, residing at Minmore, Banffshire. *Born* 7th September 1816. *Died* 1861. *Mar.* 27th July 1851, Eleanor Sinclair, daughter of Archibald Leslie of Balnageith, Elginshire.
- GORDON, JOHN, OF BALMOOR. 8th July 1763.
Apprentice to Leonard Urquhart.—Son of Alexander Gordon of Auchenlachries, Aberdeenshire. *Died* 24th October 1789. *Mar.* 16th October 1770, Margaret, daughter of James Stuart, of Binend, Lord Provost of Edinburgh.

- GORDON, JOHN. 24th June 1774.
Apprentice to James Gartshore.—Eldest son of Thomas Gordon, Surgeon in Dumfries. *Born* 1748. *Died* 27th October 1832. *Mar.* 21st July 1786, Jane, eldest daughter of Thomas Shairp of Houstoun, Linlithgowshire.
- GORDON, JOHN, OF CARLETON. 26th June 1789.
Apprentice to John Tait.—Son of Alexander Gordon of Carleton, Ayrshire. *Died* 13th March 1817. *Mar.* 24th June 1793, Margaret, only daughter of Dr. Jasper Tough of Hillhead, Ayrshire.
- GORDON, JOHN, OF AVOCHIE. 19th December 1794.
Apprentice to Andrew Steuart, Junr.—Eldest son of John Gordon of Avochie. *Born* 1771. *Died* 11th July 1842, unmarried. Deputy Receiver-General.
- GORDON, JOHN TAYLOR, OF NETHERMUIR. 18th November 1825.
Apprentice to James Heriot.—Second son of Maxwell Gordon, W.S. *Born* 1801. *Died* 24th June 1884. *Mar.* December 1855, Margaret Grant, daughter of Robert Watson.
- GORDON, JOSEPH, OF CARROLL. 16th February 1804.
Apprentice to Charles M'Intosh.—Eldest son of Captain John Gordon of Carroll, Sutherlandshire. *Born* 1777. *Died* 7th March 1855. *Mar.* 30th July 1808, Ann, youngest daughter of Gordon Clunes of Crakaig, Sutherlandshire. Clerk to Admission of Notaries-Public, 1839-55.
- GORDON, LACHLAN DUFF, OF PARK. 26th June 1769.
Apprentice to Alexander Stuart.—Fourth son of John Duff of Culben, Morayshire. *Died* 14th May 1808. *Mar.* 14th September 1781, Rachel, second daughter of Roger Hog of Newliston, West-Lothian.
- GORDON, MAXWELL, OF NETHERMUIR. 28th June 1793.
Apprentice to (1) Colquhoun Grant; and (2) John Taylor.—Son of William Gordon of Nethermuir. *Died* 24th December 1809. *Mar.* 30th March 1799, Jane, daughter of John Taylor of Blackhouse, Ayrshire, W.S.
- GORDON, ROBERT. 18th August 1731.
Apprentice to James Budge. *Died* June 1740.
- GORDON, ROBERT, OF EDINTORE. 17th August 1798.
Apprentice to John Innes.—Eldest son of John Gordon of Grieshop and Edintore, Elginshire. *Died* 1st August 1815. *Mar.* 30th August 1806, the widow of Archibald Burnett, Bengal.
- GORDON, ROBERT, OF BARDARROCH. 18th November 1830.
Apprentice to Alexander Blair.—Son of William Gordon, Senr., Writer in Dumfries. *Born* 1807. *Died* 2d December 1883. *Mar.* 23d April 1840, Sarah, second daughter of Wilson Fisher, Whitehaven.

- GORDON, THOMAS. 24th July 1672.
Apprentice to Alexander Hamilton.—Eldest son of James Gordon of Buthlay, Aberdeenshire. Clerk of Justiciary, 6th November 1682. *Died* about 1697. *Mar.* 9th September 1673, Janet Fletcher.
- GORDON, THOMAS, OF WHITBURN. 5th July 1782.
Apprentice to Andrew Stuart.—Only son of the Rev. Thomas Gordon, Minister of Speymouth. *Died* 6th March 1845. *Mar.* 6th April 1785, Letitia, daughter of — M'Veagh, Manufacturer in Huntly.
- GORDON, THOMAS. 12th November 1840.
Apprentice to James Macallan.—Fourth son of William Gordon of Campbelton, Kirkcudbright. *Born* 14th February 1817. *Died* 9th October 1876. *Mar.* 6th July 1847, Eliza Cecilia, third daughter of George Shaw Brooke, Jaffna, Ceylon.
- GORDON, THOMAS JARRON. 22d July 1868.
Apprentice to James Hope and Robert Mackay.—Son of James Gordon, Merchant in Forfar. *Born* 15th October 1837. *Mar.* 22d August 1871, Caroline Elizabeth, only daughter of Henry Churton of West Mount, Cheshire.
- GORDON, WILLIAM. 14th November 1664.
Apprentice to John Bayne.—*Died* March 1680. *Mar.* 25th January 1666, Helen Anderson.
- GORDON, WILLIAM, OF GREENLAW AND CULVENNAN. 25th January 1742.
Apprentice to Thomas Goldie.—Only son of Sir Alexander Gordon of Earlstoun, Bart. *Born* 1706. *Died* October 1757. *Mar.* 1740, Isabella, daughter of John M'Culloch of Barholm and Jean Gordon of Culvennan, his wife.
- GORDON, WILLIAM. 5th July 1742.
Apprentice to (1) Hugh Somerville; and (2) Archibald Stuart.—Son of Dr. John Gordon, Physician in Aberdeen. *Died* 1788. Latterly a Solicitor in London.
- GORDON, WILLIAM, OF ROTHNEY. 9th July 1789.
Apprentice to Samuel Mitchelson.—Only son of George Gordon of Rothney, Aberdeenshire. *Died* 10th February 1824.
- GORDON, WILLIAM, OF CULVENNAN. 12th February 1824.
Apprentice to Alexander Blair.—Eldest son of David Gordon, Captain in the Dumfriesshire Militia. *Born* 17th August 1800. *Died* 27th January 1858. *Mar.* 17th August 1825, Agnes Marian, third daughter of John Hyslop, London.
- GORDON, WILLIAM JOHN. 27th October 1882.
Apprentice to Robert Strathern.—Son of John Gordon, Merchant in Dundee. *Born* 2d December 1857.
- GOVAN, JOHN, OF BLALOWAN. 13th June 1806.
Apprentice to David Balfour.—Son of Dr. John Govan, Physician in Cupar. *Died* 22d October 1861, aged 79, unmarried.

GRACE, CHARLES STUART.

28th April 1882.

Apprentice to Sir John Gillespie and Thomas Paterson.—Son of Stuart Grace, Town-Clerk of St. Andrews. *Born* 6th April 1859. *Mar.* 17th February 1885, Ella Mary, eldest daughter of William Francis Lindesay of Fairieland, Ceylon.

GRACIE, JOHN BLACK.

29th November 1821.

Apprentice to Charles Oliphant.—Seventh son of John Gracie, Merchant in Wanlockhead. *Died* 10th May 1847, aged 48. *Mar.* 1822, Jane Mitchell Leburn. Principal Clerk of Commissary Court.

GRACIE, WILLIAM.

4th March 1805.

Apprentice to Alexander Young.—Eldest son of James Gracie, Accountant in Dumfries. *Died* 24th March 1813. *Mar.* 24th January 1806, Elizabeth Emily, eldest daughter of Thomas James of Hensingham Hall, Cumberland.

GRAEME, JAMES, OF GARVOCK.

8th March 1827.

Apprentice to Roger Aytoun.—Eldest son of Robert Graeme of Garvock. *Born* 23d July 1803. *Died* 12th December 1859. *Mar.* 26th June 1837, Helenade, only surviving daughter of Charles De Jersey, Attorney-General at Guernsey.

GRAEME, JOHN, OF ESKBANK.

10th July 1770.

Apprentice to James Smyth.—Youngest son of Robert Graeme, brother to John Graeme of Balgowan, Perthshire. *Died* 19th September 1814. *Mar.* 29th June 1781, Mary Scott of Usan, Forfarshire.

GRAEME, ROBERT, OF WELL HALL.

14th May 1835.

Apprentice to Roger Aytoun.—Son of Robert Graeme of Garvock. *Born* 12th June 1811. *Died* 13th October 1870. *Mar.* 28th April 1843, Anne, third daughter of Patrick Baron Seton of Preston, Linlithgowshire.

GRAHAM, ALEXANDER SPEARS.

1st July 1830.

Apprentice to Tod and Hill.—Second son of Thomas Graham, residing in Leopold Place, Edinburgh. *Born* 1807. *Died* 1850. *Mar.* 1837, Eliza Stirling.

GRAHAM, HARRY.

20th November 1671.

Apprentice to William Thomson.—Son of Robert Graham of Boshelholme. *Died* 23d May 1699. *Mar.* 30th March 1677, Marion Hamilton.

GRAHAM, HENRY CUNNINGHAM.

13th November 1834.

Apprentice to John Home.—Son of John Graham, Jeweller in Edinburgh. *Born* 1st January 1806. *Died* 11th April 1858. *Mar.* 14th April 1835, Jane Forrester, eldest daughter of the Rev. Archibald Maconochie, minister of Bonkle.

GRAHAM, HUMPHREY.

10th March 1813.

Apprentice to David Thomson.—Eldest son of Lieutenant Colonel Humphrey Graham, Chamberlain to the Duke of Argyll. *Born* 28th January 1789. *Died* 28th November 1868. *Mar.* 18th September 1826, Joanna, youngest daughter of Adam Wilson, D.C.S.

- GRAHAM, JAMES, OF DAMSIDE. 14th November 1726.
Apprentice to John Lumsdaine.—Son of Robert Graham of Kirkland, Town-Clerk of Perth. *Died* 16th November 1763. *Mar.* (1) April 1728, Christian, daughter of George Balfour of Balbirnie, Fifeshire; and (2) April 1740, Bethia, daughter of James Deans of Woodhouselee, Mid-Lothian.
- GRAHAM, REV. JAMES. 11th December 1788.
Apprentice to Lawrence Hill.—Son of Thomas Graham, Writer in Glasgow. *Born* 22d April 1765. *Died* 14th September 1811. *Mar.* 17th March 1802, Janet, daughter of Thomas Graham of Blatwood. Admitted Advocate 17th March 1795. Ordained 28th May 1809; Curate of Shipton, Gloucester, and of Sedgfield, Durham; Author of *The Sabbath*, and other Poems.
- GRAHAM, JAMES HOPE STEWART, OF DUNABBIE. 2d November 1881.
Apprentice to William Stuart Fraser.—Son of James Graham of Dunabbie, Dumfriesshire. *Born* 16th April 1856. *Mar.* 31st October 1888, Isabel, daughter of Robert Carlyle, Waterbeck, Dumfriesshire.
- GRAHAM, JOHN. 20th May 1800.
Apprentice to John Morison.—Son of John Graham, Farmer at Colleum. *Died* 1831.
- GRAHAM, PATRICK, OF ROBSHILL. 25th November 1824.
Apprentice to John Tweedie.—Only son of John Graham of Robshill, Renfrewshire. *Born* 1799. *Died* 15th November 1867. *Mar.* 4th October 1831, Janet, daughter of Allan Pollock of Faside, Renfrewshire.
- GRAHAM, ROBERT. 17th March 1797.
Apprentice to John Campbell.—Second son of James Graham of Duchraw, Stirlingshire. *Died* 27th August 1818.
- GRAHAM, THOMAS. 5th July 1821.
Apprentice to John Campbell.—Eldest son of Archibald Graham of Drumquhassle, Stirlingshire, Cashier to the Thistle Bank, Glasgow. *Born* 1793. *Died* 29th June 1881. *Mar.* 14th March 1822, Agnes, daughter of Robert Veitch of Hawthornbank.
- GRAHAM, THOMAS EDWARD. 19th March 1888.
Apprentice to John Clerk Brodie.—Son of James Graham, C.A., Glasgow. *Born* 5th June 1863.
- GRAHAM, WILLIAM STIRLING.
See STIRLING, WILLIAM.
- GRANGER, JOHN. 1st July 1790.
Apprentice to (1) William Wilson, Junr.; and (2) Walter Scott.—Only son of David Granger of Brokenecross. *Died* 3d December 1828.
- GRANT, ALEXANDER. 28th June 1787.
Apprentice to Isaac Grant.—Son of Patrick Grant of Nevie. *Died* 4th July 1808.

GRANT, COLIN CAMPBELL.

15th November 1860.

Apprentice to Allan Menzies and Robert Blair Maconochie.—Son of the Rev. James Grant, D.D., D.C.L., Edinburgh. *Born* 13th June 1830. Resigned his Commission 9th November 1865. Called to the English Bar 17th November 1868.

GRANT, COLQUHOUN, OF BURNSIDE.

29th June 1759.

Apprentice to Alexander Steuart.—Second son of John Grant of Burnside. *Died* 2d December 1792. Served during the '45 in Prince Charles' Life Guards.

GRANT, DUNCAN, OF BUGHT.

24th February 1825.

Apprentice to Kenneth and Thomas Mackenzie.—Son of James Grant of Bught, Inverness-shire. *Born* 1801. *Died* 9th December 1873. *Mar.* 21st December 1847, Catherine Monro, daughter of Alexander Warrand, M.D., H.E.I.C.S.

GRANT, FRANCIS JAMES.

10th January 1887.

Apprentice to (1) William Reid; and (2) Alexander Paterson Purves.—Second son of John Grant, Marchmont Herald, Edinburgh, and nephew of James Grant, Novelist. *Born* 4th August 1863. Carrick Pursuivant of Arms, 1886.

GRANT, ISAAC, OF HILTON.

1st July 1763.

Apprentice to James Gartshore.—Son of John Grant in Belnatomb. *Died* 27th December 1794, aged 70. Clerk to the Commissioners of Teinds.

GRANT, JAMES, OF BURNHALL.

6th February 1792.

Apprentice to John Gordon.—Second son of Patrick Grant of Glenmoriston, Inverness-shire. *Born* 1768. *Died* 16th June 1834. *Mar.* 27th July 1803, Helen, daughter of Charles Shearer of Knowhead.

GRANT, JAMES.

19th June 1818.

Apprentice to John Tweedie.—Eldest son of Nathaniel Grant, S.S.C. *Born* 1790. *Died* March 1844, unmarried.

GRANT, JOHN.

3d December 1729.

Apprentice to Robert Hepburn.—*Died* 26th May 1759. *Mar.* Catherine, daughter of James Baird of Chesterhall, W.S.

GRANT, JOHN PETER.

8th July 1822.

Apprentice to John Kermack.—Son of the Rev. James Grant, Minister of Laggan, and his wife, Ann Macvicar, the distinguished authoress. *Born* 1st June 1799. *Died* 15th December 1870. *Mar.* (1) 16th March 1833, Margaret, youngest daughter of Moses Steven of Polmadie, Renfrewshire; (2) 22d October 1840, Robina, daughter of Robert Grant of Kincorth, Morayshire; and (3) 17th November 1852, Jane Adinston, daughter of Walter Graham, M.D., Dalkeith.

GRANT, JOSEPH.

7th March 1815.

Apprentice to John Renton.—Only son of Allan Grant, Messenger-at-Arms. *Born* 1793. *Died* 24th February 1873, unmarried.

- GRANT, PATRICK. 8th December 1825.
Apprentice to Harry Davidson.—Eldest son of James Grant, W.S. *Died* 18th April 1870, aged 65. *Mar.* 6th August 1838, Emilia, daughter of Evan Baillie of Dochfour, Inverness-shire. Sheriff-Clerk of Inverness-shire, 1831-70.
- GRANT, ROBERT, OF RUTHRIE. 8th March 1734.
Apprentice to Andrew Hay of Montblairie.—Eldest son of John Grant of Ruthrie. *Died* 11th July 1783.
- GRANT, ROBERT SIMPSON. 16th July 1889.
Apprentice to John Cowan and James A. Dalmahoy.—Second son of William James Grant of Beldornie, Banffshire. *Born* 16th August 1865.
- GRANT, THOMAS MACPHERSON, OF CRAIGO. 23d November 1837.
Apprentice to James Shepherd.—Son of Sir George Macpherson of Ballindalloch, Bart. *Born* 30th June 1815. *Died* 23d September 1881, unmarried.
- GRAY, ALEXANDER. 30th June 1760.
Apprentice to John Syme.—Son of John Gray, writer in Fochabers. *Died* 14th January 1780. *Mar.* (1) Margaret Alves; and (2) October 1773, Ellen, daughter of Archibald Stewart, Merchant, Edinburgh. Substitute-Keeper, 16th November 1762.
- GRAY, ALEXANDER STEWART. 10th January 1887.
Apprentice to (1) James Gibson Craig Brodie; and (2) John Little Mounsey.—Son of William Gray, residing at Brownrigg, North Berwick. *Born* 17th May 1862.
- GRAY, ANDREW. 23d May 1820.
Apprentice to Thomas Cranston.—Eldest son of David Gray of Snipe, Tacksman of Dalhousie Mains, Mid-Lothian. *Died* 28th July 1846, aged 54, unmarried. Collector of Fee Fund, Court of Session, 1844-5.
- GRAY, GEORGE. 27th June 1839.
Apprentice to William Bell.—Son of George Gray, Surgeon in Edinburgh. *Born* 3d December 1808. *Mar.* (1) 1839, Martha Moses; and (2) 22d February 1887, Helen, daughter of William Wright, M.D., Edinburgh, and widow of John Wright, M.D., Lochgilphead.
- GRAY, GEORGE ADINSTON. 18th December 1826.
Apprentice to (1) Walter Dickson of Monybuie; and (2) George Dunlop.—Son of David Gray of Snipe, Mid-Lothian. *Died* 29th June 1851, aged 51, unmarried.
- GRAY, JAMES. 16th February 1710.
Apprentice to John Montgomerie.—*Mar.* Isobel White. *Died* November 1733.
- GRAY, JOHN. 1st July 1763.
Apprentice to John Dickie.—Eldest son of William Gray of Newholm. *Died* 15th February 1811. *Mar.* Marion, daughter of the Rev. James Brown, one of the Ministers of Edinburgh. Town-Clerk of Edinburgh, 1786-1811.

- GRAY, JOHN. 24th June 1824.
Apprentice to Francis Brodie and George Imlach.—Third son of John Gray, Solicitor at Law. *Died* 16th October 1868, aged 70. *Mar.* 17th April 1837, his cousin, Harriet Louisa, daughter of Andrew Gray of Craigo.
- GREENLAW, GEORGE. 30th January 1797.
Apprentice to Sir Robert Dundas of Beechwood.—Son of the Rev. Michael Greenlaw, D.D., Minister of Creich. *Died* 12th December 1834, aged 65. *Mar.* 15th July 1808, Katherine, daughter of George Makgill of Kemback, Fifeshire.
- GREIG, ALEXANDER, OF HALLGREIG. 5th March 1801.
Apprentice to (1) William Campbell of Crawfordton; and (2) James Horne.—Eldest son of David Greig of Hallgreig. *Born* 1776. *Died* 29th March 1857. *Mar.* 8th January 1810, Jane, daughter of John Whittet of Potterhill, Perth. Solicitor to Admiralty, 1807.
- GREIG, DAVID. 6th March 1817.
Apprentice to James Greig.—Son of the Rev. David Greig, Minister of the Associate Burgher Congregation of Lochgelly. *Died* 26th January 1825. *Mar.* 12th July 1824, Catherine, daughter of Joseph Maxton, Edinburgh.
- GREIG, GEORGE, OF ECCLES. 13th July 1848.
Apprentice to, and eldest son of, James Greig, W.S.—*Born* 12th March 1823. *Died* 19th June 1869. *Mar.* 24th July 1866, Isabella Dickson, younger daughter of William Richardson Dickson of Alton, Roxburghshire.
- GREIG, JAMES, OF ECCLES. 4th March 1805.
Apprentice to Robert Hill.—Son of George Greig of Bridgend, near Kinross. *Born* 10th March 1782. *Died* 10th December 1859. *Mar.* 10th October 1820, Agnes, second daughter of John Borthwick of Crookston, Mid-Lothian.
- GREIG, JAMES, OF WEST CAMBUS. 11th December 1823.
Apprentice to James F. Gordon.—Son of John Greig, Ironmonger in Edinburgh. *Born* 19th April 1798. *Died* 25th December 1850. *Mar.* 11th September 1827, Agnes Helen, daughter of Peter Macfarlane of West Cambus, Clackmannanshire.
- GREIG, JOHN BORTHWICK. 7th May 1859.
Apprentice to, and son of, James Greig of Eccles, Berwickshire, W.S.—*Born* 2d May 1824. *Mar.* 12th August 1857, Mary Jane, eldest daughter of William Grant of Funchal, Madeira. Parliamentary Solicitor to Society.
- GREIG, SOMMERVILLE. 3d March 1861.
Apprentice to John Auld.—Son of James Greig of West Cambus, W.S. *Born* 6th November 1835.
- GRIERSON, ANDREW. 1st March 1832.
Apprentice to Andrew Tawse.—Son of Andrew Grierson, Clothier in Edinburgh. *Born* 1st January 1808. *Died* 9th October 1876, unmarried.

- GRIERSON, THOMAS. 30th June 1789.
Apprentice to Andrew Blane.—Son of David Grierson, Farmer, Cubbox, Kirkcudbright. *Died* 5th September 1826.
- GRIERSON, WILLIAM. 16th May 1818.
See YORSTOUN, WILLIAM GRIERSON.
- GRIEVE, ANDREW. 24th May 1821.
Apprentice to John Ross.—Son of John Grieve, Civil Engineer in Edinburgh. *Died* 6th May 1870, aged 73. *Mar.* 1843, Louisa, daughter of Captain Salmond, H.E.I.C.S.
- GUILD, JOHN ERSKINE. 15th July 1886.
Apprentice to J. O. Mackenzie, Harry Cheyne, and John Kermack.—Son of John Guild, Merchant, Dundee. *Born* 23d June 1860.
- GULLAND, WILLIAM. 18th June 1856.
Apprentice to Thomas Gray Scott.—Eldest son of Charles Gulland, Writer in Falkland. *Born* 19th December 1828.
- GUTHRIE, ALEXANDER. 4th January 1698.
Apprentice to James Winraham.—*Died* 30th September 1729. *Mar.* 11th September 1700, Jean, daughter of James Menteith, of Auldcathie, West-Lothian.
- GUTHRIE, JAMES.
Died before 1649.
- GUTHRIE, JAMES. 25th February 1720.
Apprentice to, and son of, Alexander Guthrie, W.S.—*Died* March 1737. *Mar.* Jean Dickson. Author of *An Introduction to the Knowledge of Decimal Arithmetic*, 1731.
- GUTHRIE, JOHN. 20th April 1688.
Apprentice to William Guthrie.
- GUTHRIE, LAWRENCE ANDERSON. 15th July 1886.
Apprentice to Patrick William Campbell.—Son of Patrick Guthrie, Merchant in Edinburgh, and grandson of Rev. Thomas Guthrie, D.D. *Born* 16th June 1863. *Mar.* 30th July 1890, Helena Elizabeth Mary, only daughter of James Muirhead, Advocate, Professor of Civil Law, Edinburgh University.
- GUTHRIE, RICHARD.
Signs the Acts of 7th December 1612.
- GUTHRIE, RICHARD. 14th December 1627.
Servitor to John Shairp of Houston, Advocate.—Re-admitted 21st November 1661. Resigned his Commission, and died January 1664.

- GUTHRIE, WILLIAM. 7th March 1664.
Apprentice to Richard Guthrie.—*Died* January 1673. *Mar.* Mary, daughter of Richard Guthrie, W.S.
- HAGART, JAMES VALENTINE. 12th November 1868.
Apprentice to Archibald Burn Murdoch.—Son of James Valentine-Hagart of Glendelvine, Perthshire, S.S.C. *Born* 1845.
- HAIG, JAMES, OF BEMERSYDE. 15th November 1827.
Apprentice to Hugh Watson.—Eldest son of James Haig of Bemersyde, Berwickshire. *Born* 4th October 1795. *Died* 14th January 1854, unmarried.
- HALDANE, FRANCIS GROVE. 16th July 1889.
Apprentice to W. J. Dundas.—Son of James Haldane, C.A. *Born* 30th November 1866.
- HALDANE, JAMES ALEXANDER. 12th December 1867.
Apprentice to, and son of, Robert Haldane, W.S.—*Born* 11th December 1844. *Mar.* 22d July 1868, Sarah Jean, only child of John Reid, Cape Town.
- HALDANE, ROBERT, OF CLOANDEN. 5th March 1829.
Apprentice to John Yule.—Son of Captain James Alexander Haldane, H.E.I.C.S. *Born* 27th January 1805. *Died* 12th June 1877. *Mar.* (1) 20th July 1841, Jane, daughter of John Makgill of Kemback, Fifeshire; and (2) 27th July 1853, Mary Elizabeth, second daughter of Richard Burdon Sanderson of West Jesmond, Northumberland.
- HALDANE, WILLIAM CUNINGHAME. 16th December 1824.
Apprentice to Robert Fleming.—Second son of John Haldane, Writer in Edinburgh. *Died* at Wollongong, N.S.W., 4th July 1844, aged 43. *Mar.* 22d August 1833, Catherine Anne, fifth daughter of Alexander Miller of Monkcastle.
- HALDANE, WILLIAM STOWELL, B.L. 19th March 1888.
Apprentice to Alexander Howe and William Macgillivray.—Son of Robert Haldane, W.S. *Born* 19th August 1864.
- HALDIN, GEORGE. 25th May 1635.
Apprentice to Harry Osburn.—*Died* about 1660. *Mar.* Isabel Dundas.
- HALIBURTON, ANDREW. 26th August 1699.
Apprentice to David Haliburton.—Third son of Thomas Haliburton of Newmains, Berwickshire. *Born* 9th March 1673. *Died* 20th February 1738. *Mar.* 18th April 1700, Marion, second daughter of Robert Elliot of Middlemiln, Roxburghshire.
- HALIBURTON, ANDREW. 1st July 1763.
Apprentice to Hew Crawford.—Son of James Haliburton, W.S. Resigned his Commission 8th August 1785, and *Died* 26th January 1794, unmarried.

HALIBURTON, DAVID.

4th December 1693.

Apprentice to James Peter.—Son of Thomas Haliburton of Newmains, Berwickshire. *Died* 29th April 1697, aged 58, unmarried.

HALIBURTON, JAMES.

8th March 1726.

Apprentice to Alexander Hamilton of Dechmont.—*Died* 25th November 1773. *Mar.* 6th April 1726, Euphan, daughter of Andrew Dennet, Merchant, Edinburgh.

HALL, JOHN SHARP.

9th July 1821.

Apprentice to Craufurd Tait.—Son of the Rev. James Hall, Minister of Lesmahagow. *Born* 1797. *Died* at Halifax, Nova Scotia, 30th September 1885. *Mar.* Margaret Fleming.

HALL, ROBERT.

8th July 1828.

Apprentice to John Forman.—Son of Robert Hall, one of the Magistrates of Edinburgh. *Born* 1804. *Died* 12th July 1840, unmarried.

HALYBURTONE, GEORGE.

Reponed 30th May 1636.

HAMILTON, ALEXANDER, OF HILL.

16th July 1642.

Apprentice to James Kirkwod.—Eldest son of James Hamilton of Hill, Lanarkshire. *Died* March 1672. *Mar.* Marion Elies.

HAMILTON, SIR ALEXANDER, OF HAGGS, BART.

15th July 1700.

Apprentice to William Forrester.—Son of Sir Alexander Hamilton, first Baronet of Haggs.

HAMILTON, ALEXANDER, OF DECHMONT AND PENCAITLAND.

6th November 1711.

Apprentice to Hugh Somerville.—Second son of James Hamilton of Pencaitland, East-Lothian, W.S. *Died* 21st March 1758. *Mar.* Mary, eldest daughter of Sir Francis Kinloch of Gilmerton, Bart.

HAMILTON, ALEXANDER.

31st May 1827.

Apprentice to James Hamilton of Kames.—Son of Charles Hamilton, Merchant in Glasgow. *Born* 1797. *Died* 1st January 1884. *Mar.* 3d November 1836, Margaret Chisholm, only daughter of Richard Landreth, of Island of Grenada; and (2) 15th July 1845, Mary Chisholm, eldest daughter of Charles Robertson of Kindeace, Ross-shire.

HAMILTON, ANDREW, OF SPITTALHAUGH.

3d July 1781.

Apprentice to John Russell.—Son of Charles Hamilton of Spittalhaugh, Peeblesshire. *Died* 3d May 1807.

HAMILTON, ARTHUR.

Signs Minute 16th December 1594. *Died* about 1629.

- HAMILTON, DANIEL, OF GILKERSCLEUGH.** 29th June 1786.
Apprentice to David Erskine.—Third son of Alexander Hamilton of Gilkerscleugh, Lanarkshire. *Died* 30th June 1823. *Mar.* 20th December 1793, Harriet, second daughter of Walter Campbell of Shawfield, Lanarkshire.
- HAMILTON, ERNEST.** 27th October 1882.
Apprentice to Alexander Hamilton, George Thomas Kinnear, and Robert Beatson.—Son of Alexander Hamilton, W.S. *Born* 23d March 1859.
- HAMILTON, FRANCIS.** 11th December 1828.
Apprentice to James Bridges.—Son of William Hamilton, Writer in Hamilton. *Died* 1858, aged 52. *Mar.* 2d November 1829, Mary Stevenson, eldest daughter of Captain D. Mackintosh, Royal Highlanders.
- HAMILTON, JAMES, OF PENCAITLAND.** 19th February 1683.
Apprentice to Sir James Elphinstone.—Second son to Robert Hamilton of Presmennan. *Died* 30th May 1729. *Mar.* Catherine, daughter of — Denholm of Westshiells. Clerk Register, 27th February 1697. Clerk of Parliament. Principal Clerk of Session, 2d June 1697. Elevated to the Bench 8th November 1712, when he assumed the title of Lord Pencaitland; resigned 1726.
- HAMILTON, JAMES, OF KAMES.** 5th March 1801.
Apprentice to Daniel Hamilton, his brother.—Youngest son of Alexander Hamilton of Gilkerscleugh. *Died* 5th January 1849, aged 72. *Mar.* 12th December 1809, Harriet Frances, daughter of Richard Wynne of Folkingham, Lincolnshire.
- HAMILTON, JOHN.** 15th March 1644.
Apprentice to John Mudie.—Re-admitted 21st November 1660.
- HAMILTON, JOHN.** 24th October 1678.
Apprentice to William Charteris.
- HAMILTON, JOHN.** 2d January 1682.
Apprentice to Robert Hamilton of Presmennan, his uncle.—Son of Mr. James Hamilton, Minister of Eaglesham. *Mar.* (1) Rachel Sandilands; and (2) 4th April 1684, Agnes, daughter of William Law of Lauriston, and sister of the financier.
- HAMILTON, JOHN, OF NEWTON.** 3d March 1707.
Apprentice to John Cuningham.—Son of William Hamilton of Wishaw. *Died* 25th January 1757, aged 78. *Mar.* Jean, daughter of — Gartshore of that Ilk.
- HAMILTON, JOHN.** 30th July 1716.
Apprentice to John Loutfoot.—Fiscal, 1726-28. Resigned his Commission 27th June 1748.

- HAMILTON, JOHN. 2d March 1826.
Apprentice to Walter Dickson.—Second son of Captain John Hamilton of 73d Regiment. *Died* 25th January 1870, aged 77, unmarried. Substitute-Keeper of the Signet, 1831-67. Admitted Advocate 8th July 1815.
- HAMILTON, PATRICK.
Signs the Acts 26th December 1627.
- HAMILTON, ROBERT, OF PRESMEENAN. 24th March 1648.
Apprentice to Thomas Forrest.—Son of James Hamilton of Barncleugh, Lanarkshire. *Died* 10th November 1695, aged 73. *Mar.* Marion, eldest daughter of John Denholm of Muirhouse. Re-admitted 21st November 1661. Principal Clerk of Session, 5th June 1661. Resigned his Commission 3d February 1668. Admitted Advocate 13th June 1677. Elevated to the Bench 1st November 1689, when he assumed the title of Lord Presmennan.
- HAMILTON, ROBERT. 12th April 1648.
Apprentice to John Mudie.—*Died* 1687. *Mar.* 10th January 1656, Elizabeth Wellwood. Clerk to Society 1660-81. Re-admitted 21st November 1661.
- HAMILTON, ROBERT. 12th March 1736.
Apprentice to James Baillie.—*Died* November 1742.
- HAMILTON, ROBERT. 24th June 1830.
Apprentice to John Bowie.—Son of John Hamilton, Receiver-General of Customs. *Born* 1806. *Died* 21st June 1872. *Mar.* 13th July 1840, Christina Crawford, daughter of Rev. Thomas Macknight, D.D., Edinburgh.
- HAMILTON, WILLIAM. 22d November 1680.
Apprentice to John Sempill.—Son to Archibald Hamilton of Hallcraig, Lanarkshire.
- HAMILTON, WILLIAM. 29th October 1697.
Apprentice to James Hamilton of Pencaitland.—Third son of Robert Hamilton of Presmennan, East-Lothian. *Died* unmarried.
- HAMILTON, WILLIAM. 22d February 1793.
Apprentice to John Tait, Senior.—Son of William Hamilton, Writer in Mauchline. *Died* 24th December 1822.
- HANDYSIDE, HUGH. 29th June 1827.
Apprentice to Robert Paul.—Son of Hugh Handyside, Merchant in Edinburgh. *Died* 3d November 1867, aged 64. *Mar.* 3d September 1834, Ann Innes, fourth daughter of Captain William Anderson, 96th Regiment.
- HANDYSIDE, WILLIAM. 12th July 1791.
Apprentice to Charles Innes.—Son of Robert Handyside at Whitehill. *Born* 19th June 1764. *Died* 17th January 1816. *Mar.* 5th June 1797, Jane, daughter of William Cunningham of Bridgehouse. Father of Lord Handyside.

HANNAY, JOHN, OF OVER-LAGGAN.

22d November 1821.

Apprentice to (1) Joseph Cauvin; and (2) James Carnegie.—Fourth son of James Hannay of Blarinde, Kirkcudbrightshire. *Born* 1798. *Died* 26th April 1868. *Mar.* 15th September 1824, Eliza Sproat, daughter of J. Kennedy, Dalton, Dumfriesshire.

HARDIE, NICOLL.

26th November 1668.

Apprentice to John Muir.—Son of Robert Hardie, Burgess in Edinburgh. *Died* February 1689. *Mar.* 25th July 1669, Mary Clerk.

HARDYMAN, JOHN HAY.

15th November 1838.

Apprentice to Humphrey Graham.—Only surviving son of William Henry Hardyman, Commander in East India Company Service. *Born* 2d July 1814. *Died* 9th February 1871. *Mar.* 28th November 1861, Annabella Gibson, daughter of William Paton, Armagh, and relict of Stewart Maxwell. Assistant Extractor, Court of Session, 1853-71.

HARE, ALEXANDER MACONOCHIE.

14th July 1864.

Apprentice to Robert Blair Maconochie.—Son of Stewart Bayley Hare of Calderhall, Mid-Lothian. *Born* 14th January 1838. *Died* 14th October 1876, unmarried.

HARLAW, JAMES.

Died about 1600.

HARLAW, JAMES.

1599.

Son of James Harlaw, W.S.—*Died* 28th August 1617, aged 44. *Mar.* 23d April 1606, Margaret Purves. Keeper of the Privy Seal.

HART, DAVID.

Being at the horn, suspended 27th January 1608.

HARTLEY, WILLIAM AUGUSTUS.

11th April 1887.

Apprentice to F. Pitman, J. R. Anderson, W. H. Murray, and A. R. C. Pitman.—Son of William Hartley, Factor to the Earl of Mansfield at Comlongan Castle, Dumfriesshire. *Born* 15th July 1861.

HARVEY, JOHN.

10th December 1789.

Apprentice to (1) Michael Nasmyth; and (2) Colquhoun Grant.—Second son of Dr. John Harvey, physician in London. *Died* 13th December 1832, aged 70, unmarried.

HARVIE, THOMAS.

Commissioner, 16th December 1594. *Died* 21st January 1602.

HASWELL, JAMES.

12th November 1869.

Apprentice to Thomas Graham Murray.—Eldest son of George Haswell, Writer in Edinburgh. *Born* 31st May 1842. *Died* 18th March 1873, unmarried.

- HATHORN, VANS, OF CHANGUE AND GARTHLAND.** 3d July 1781.
Apprentice to Thomas Tod.—Second son of Hugh Hathorn of Castlewigg, Wigtownshire. *Born* 1753. *Died* 14th October 1839. *Mar.* 19th September 1814, Jane, eldest daughter of Sir John Dalrymple Hay, of Park Place, Bart.
- HATTON, JAMES.** 2d July 1829.
Apprentice to (1) James Pedie; and (2) James Thomas Murray.—Son of David Hatton, Carver and Gilder in Edinburgh. *Died* 28th September 1866, aged 61. *Mar.* Anne, daughter of John Traquair of Hillhead, Lasswade.
- HATTON, ROBERT.** 30th June 1831.
Apprentice to William Renny.—Son of David Hatton, Carver and Gilder in Edinburgh. *Born* 29th November 1804. *Died* 24th November 1838. *Mar.* 13th August 1830, Marion Joan, daughter of John Traquair of Hillhead, Lasswade.
- HAY, ADAM.**
See GORDON, ADAM HAY.
- HAY, ALEXANDER.**
Son of John Hay, and grandson of Sir Alexander Hay of Easter Kennet.—Commissioner 18th October 1631. Clerk of Council and Session.
- HAY, ALEXANDER.** 19th August 1718.
Apprentice to Patrick Murray.—*Died* 6th October 1744. *Mar.* (1) 1st June 1721, Jean, daughter of Mr. Robert Cheyne, one of the Ministers of Edinburgh; and (2) Katherine Lumsden.
- HAY, ALEXANDER, OF HARDENGREEN.** 1st July 1819.
Apprentice to Francis Wilson.—Son of James Hay, Assistant Clerk of Session. *Born* 11th August 1796. *Died* 18th December 1854. *Mar.* 24th November 1834, Jane, youngest daughter of Robert Brown of Westbarns, East-Lothian.
- HAY, ANDREW, OF HAYSTOUN.**
Signs the Acts 7th December 1612. Son of John Hay of Kingsmeadows, Peeblesshire. *Died* 1655. *Mar.* Janet Hay.
- HAY, ANDREW, OF MONTBLAIRIE.** 23d November 1719.
Apprentice to John Stewart, Senr.—Son of James Hay of Rannes, Aberdeenshire. *Died* 5th December 1750. *Mar.* (1) Mary, second daughter of Sir Alexander Ogilvy of Forglen, Lord of Session; and (2) 1721, Mary, daughter of George Allardice of that Ilk.
- HAY, CHARLES.** 14th November 1800.
Apprentice to William Balderston.—Son of Alexander Hay of Mordington, Berwickshire. *Died* in Ceylon 27th December 1819.
- HAY, DANIELL.**
Reported not having an "open buith" 1607.

HAY, FRANCIS, OF BALHOUSIE.

Son of Peter Hay of Kirkland of Megginch, brother of George, first Earl of Kinnoull. *Died* before 1661. *Mar.* Margaret, daughter of James Oliphant of Bachilton, Perthshire. Fined £2000 by Cromwell's Act of Grace and Pardon 1654. Commissioner, 26th December 1627.

HAY, JAMES, OF CARRIBER.

16th August 1671.

Apprentice to William Charters and John Kennedy.—Second son of David Hay of Woodcokdale, Linlithgow. *Died* December 1702. *Mar.* Magdalen Robertson.

HAY, JAMES, OF COCKLAW.

9th December 1728.

Apprentice to Andrew Hay of Montblairie.—Second son of Adam Hay of Asleid. *Died* 20th June 1771. *Mar.* (1) July 1733, Ann, daughter of Alexander Farquharson, W.S.; and (2) July 1746, Agnes, daughter of John Moodie of Ardbikie, Forfarshire.

HAY, JAMES.

3d August 1742.

Apprentice to Alexander Stevenson of Montgreenan.—Second son of Lord William Hay of Newhall, Mid-Lothian. *Died* 31st May 1779. *Mar.* October 1744, Jane, daughter of John Henderson of Liston, Haddingtonshire. Warden of the Mint, 24th March 1744-79.

HAY, JAMES.

3d July 1778.

Apprentice to Samuel Mitchelson.—Son of James Hay, W.S. *Died* 6th June 1788.

HAY, JAMES.

13th July 1780.

Apprentice to (1) William Hay; and (2) John Syme.—Eldest son of William Hay, W.S. *Died* 1794.

HAY, JAMES.

30th June 1789.

Apprentice to Thomas Tod.—Eldest son of John Hay, younger of Hopes, East-Lothian. *Died* 15th October 1821. *Mar.* 11th July 1798, Matilda Hay, daughter of Captain John Clark, H.E.I.C.S., and widow of Alexander Falconar of Woodcot.

HAY, JOHN.

Commissioner, 4th December 1595. *Mar.* 26th May 1602, Maria Johnston.

HAY, JOHN, OF RESTALRIG.

1st March 1726.

Apprentice to Hew Crawford.—Second son of Alexander Hay of Huntingdon, East-Lothian. *Died* 6th December 1784. *Mar.* December 1727, Anne, daughter and heiress of James Elphinston of Restalrig, Mid-Lothian. Treasurer to Prince Charles, whom he accompanied to France. Attainted, 1746. Fiscal, 1732-34. Treasurer, 1736-46. Substitute-Keeper, 1725-41, 1742-46.

HAY, ROBERT.

13th June 1646.

Apprentice to Thomas Forrest.—Eldest son of Robert Hay, Writer in Edinburgh. *Mar.* Christian Rae. Re-admitted 21st November 1661.

- HAY, WILLIAM, OF CRAWFORDTON. 13th January 1755.
Apprentice to James Hay.—Son of James Hay, Physician in Dumfries. *Died* 13th June 1776. *Mar.* January 1752, Mary, daughter of Ludovick Cant of Thurston, East-Lothian.
- HAY, WILLIAM, OF CRAUFORDTON. 20th June 1769.
Apprentice to James Hay of Cocklaw.—Son of Dr. James Hay, Physician in Dumfries, and brother-uterine of Alexander, Lord Banff. *Died* 25th December 1796. *Mar.* Mary, daughter of Samuel Forbes of Knapperny, Aberdeenshire.
- HAY, WILLIAM WARING. 24th May 1821.
See NEWTON, WILLIAM WARING HAY.
- HEART, J.
Signs Minute of 17th January 1606.
- HECTOR, DAVID. 6th December 1827.
Apprentice to Charles Oliphant.—Youngest son of John Hector, residing in Aberdeen. *Born* 1802. *Died* 23d December 1874. *Mar.* 16th November 1855, Mary Charlotte, daughter of William Hay, of Laxfirth, Zetland. Admitted Advocate, 10th February 1837. Advocate-Depute, 1852. Sheriff of Galloway, 1861.
- HEGGIE, GEORGE, OF PITLESSIE. 15th May 1817.
Apprentice to David Wemyss.—Son of James Heggie, Merchant in Kirkcaldy, and grandson of George Heggie of Pitlessie, Fifeshire. *Died* at Moulmein, East Indies, 5th January 1842, aged 50, unmarried.
- HENDERSON, ALEXANDER. 6th June 1691.
Son of William Henderson, W.S. *Died* 1697.
- HENDERSON, JAMES, OF PITTADRO. 11th December 1682.
Apprentice to, and eldest son of, William Henderson, W.S.
- HENDERSON, JOHN. 25th November 1824.
Apprentice to William Inglis.—Second son of William Henderson of Scotscaulder. Sheriff-Substitute of Caithness. *Born* 21st December 1800. *Died* 25th August 1883. *Mar.* 10th August 1829, his cousin, Barbara, daughter of William Henderson, Edinburgh. Author of *Notes of Caithness Family History*.
- HENDERSON, RICHARD. 7th June 1797.
Apprentice to Charles Stewart.—Eldest son of Archibald Henderson, Merchant in Glasgow. *Died* 30th June 1820. *Mar.* 16th June 1803, Jean, third daughter of Alexander Fisher, Greenock.
- HENDERSON, ROBERT. 30th June 1831.
Apprentice to (1) William Forbes; and (2) Hugh Tod.—Son of Robert Henderson, Writer in Stirling. *Born* 17th April 1807. *Died* 27th October 1852, unmarried. Admitted Advocate 26th November 1836.

HENDERSON, THOMAS.

14th July 1859.

Apprentice to David Smith.—Son of William Henderson, Inspector, National Bank of Scotland. *Born* 2d June 1835. *Died* 8th October 1866, unmarried.

HENDERSON, OR HENRYSON, WALTER.

Commissioner, 15th December 1594.

HENDERSON, OR HENRYSON, WILLIAM.

15th May 1643.

Apprentice to Robert Pringle.—Son of John Henryson, servitor to Mr. William Hay, one of the Clerks of Session. Re-admitted 21st November 1661.

HENDERSON, WILLIAM SCOTT.

20th May 1845.

Apprentice to William Charles Balderston and John Scott.—Second son of Robert Henderson of Abbotrule, Roxburghshire. *Born* 8th October 1821. *Died* 3d February 1859, unmarried.

HENDRY, JOHN.

13th November 1862.

Apprentice to John Stewart.—*Born* 18th November 1833. *Died* 18th May 1863, unmarried. Author of a *Manual of Conveyancing*, 1859, and other works.

HENRY, MATTHEW.

16th July 1888.

Apprentice to J. R. M. Wedderburn.—Son of John Henry, S.S.C. *Born* 10th May 1864.

HEPBURN, JOHN BUCHAN, OF CASTLE DYKES.

24th November 1831.

Apprentice to Morrison and Burnett.—Third son of Sir John Buchan Hepburn of Smeaton, Bart. *Born* 2d May 1808. *Died* 14th December 1874. *Mar.* 30th May 1837, Margaret Sophia, youngest daughter of A. F. Swinton, Warsash House, Hants. Solicitor to Court of Exchequer.

HEPBURN, JOHN STEWART, OF COLQUHALZIE.

8th December 1808.

Apprentice to John Campbell of Annfield.—Son of Thomas Hepburn of Colquhalzie, Perthshire. *Born* July 1783. *Died* 20th September 1872. *Mar.* 19th September 1815, Helen, second daughter of Adam Stewart of Clunie.

HEPBURN, ROBERT, OF STONISLATE AND BAADS.

14th May 1705.

Apprentice to John Macfarlane.—*Died* 27th October 1738. *Mar.* 13th August 1707, Katherine, daughter of Sir David Home, Lord Crossrig.

HERIOT, JAMES, OF RAMORNIE.

4th October 1798.

Apprentice to Andrew Stuart.—Second son of Captain the Hon. Frederick Maitland of Rankeillor, Fifeshire. *Born* 11th September 1774. *Died* 26th April 1848. *Mar.* 31st December 1813, Margaret, the second daughter of William Dalgleish of Scotsraig, Fifeshire.

HERON, JAMES, OF DALMORE.

19th November 1835.

Apprentice to Tod and Hill.—Son of James Heron, Merchant in Ayr. *Born* 2d March 1811. *Died* November 1849, unmarried.

- HERRIES, WILLIAM YOUNG, OF SPOTTES.** 18th November 1817.
Apprentice to, and only son of, Alexander Young, of Harburn, W.S.—*Born* 3d July 1794. *Died* 12th February 1872. *Mar.* 3d September 1822, Hon. Amelia Saumarez, youngest daughter of James, first Lord De Saumarez. Assumed name of Herries, 1823.
- HEWAT, PETER.** 21st December 1809.
Apprentice to Michael Linning.—Son of Peter Hewat, Baxter in Edinburgh. *Born* 1782. *Died* 4th December 1832. *Mar.* 12th March 1819, Isabella, eldest daughter of Andrew Taylor of Westbarns.
- HEWAT, PETER.**
Commissioner, 15th December 1594. Signs the Acts 26th December 1627.
- HIGGINS, JAMES ALEXANDER, OF NEWCK.** 10th March 1789.
Apprentice to James Ferrier.—Only son of John Higgins of Newck, Stirlingshire. *Born* 17th September 1765. *Died* 26th September 1822.
- HILL, ANDREW.** 29th November 1821.
Apprentice to Francis Brodie and George Imlach.—Third son of Dr. Andrew Hill, Physician in Greenock. *Born* 1797. *Died* 19th March 1874, unmarried.
- HILL, HENRY DAVID.** 5th March 1818.
Apprentice to Walter Cook.—Fourth son of George Hill, Principal of St. Mary's College, St. Andrews. *Died* 25th July 1858, aged 67, unmarried.
- HILL, JAMES.** 4th July 1822.
Apprentice to, and eldest son of, Robert Hill, W.S.—*Born* 1800. *Died* February 1841.
- HILL, JOHN BOSWELL.** 21st July 1879.
Apprentice to, and son of, James Lawson Hill, W.S.—*Born* 11th December 1855.
- HILL, JAMES LAWSON.** 5th March 1835.
Apprentice to Walter Cook.—Son of Charles Hill of Luthrie, Fifeshire. *Born* 27th April 1812. *Died* 26th February 1883. *Mar.* (1) 19th November 1838, Margaret, youngest daughter of James Dunlop, Glasgow; and (2) 26th April 1853, Sibella, daughter of John James Boswell, Surgeon, H.E.I.C.S. Commissary Clerk of Mid-Lothian, 1860-83.
- HILL, LAWRENCE, OF BARLANERK.** 12th July 1779.
Apprentice to (1) John Bell; and (2) Alexander Menzies.—Son of James Hill, Writer in Glasgow. *Died* 11th December 1792.
- HILL, NINIAN.** 30th June 1801.
Apprentice to Robert Hill.—Son of James Hill, Writer in Glasgow. *Died* 27th March 1814. *Mar.* 13th December 1801, Isabella, daughter of John Lang, Writer, Glasgow.

- HILL, ROBERT. 12th March 1795.
Apprentice to (1) Lawrence Hill; and (2) Harry Davidson.—Son of James Hill, Writer in Glasgow. *Born* 1771. *Died* 1842. *Mar.* 4th August 1794, Barbara, daughter of Mr. Geddes, Merchant, Cupar.
- HILL, ROBERT, OF ROSEBANK. 19th June 1812.
Apprentice to John Anderson.—Son of Robert Hill, Kilmarnock. *Died* 11th August 1813. *Mar.* Jane Caldwell.
- HILL, ROBERT. 17th March 1859.
Apprentice to Walter and John Cook.—Third son of Rev. Alexander Hill, D.D., Professor of Divinity in the University of Glasgow. *Born* 14th April 1831. *Mar.* 26th March 1861, Mary, daughter of Thomas Croil, Merchant, Barbadoes.
- HOGARTH, ANDREW. 23d June 1829.
Apprentice to George Hogarth.—Son of David Hogarth of Hilton, Berwickshire. *Born* 1806. *Died* 22d March 1884. *Mar.* 25th March 1834, Dorothy, daughter of Patrick Dickson of Whitecross, Berwickshire.
- HOGARTH, GEORGE. 22d June 1810.
Apprentice to J. A. Higgins.—Eldest son of Robert Hogarth, Farmer in Carfrac, Berwickshire. *Died* 12th February 1870, aged 85. *Mar.* 1st June 1814, Georgina, daughter of George Thomas, Principal Clerk to the Hon. Board of Trustees. Author of *Musical History, Biography, and Criticism*, 1835, and other works. Father-in-law of Charles Dickens, novelist.
- HOGUE, WILLIAM. 24th December 1673.
Apprentice to John Wilkie.—*Died* before 1688. *Mar.* April 1676, Isobel, daughter of Mr. John Sinclair, Minister of Ormiston.
- HOGG, ANDREW. 28th July 1690.
Apprentice to William Hoge.—*Died* October 1691. *Mar.* Jean Sinclair.
- HOGGAN, EDWARD. 5th July 1821.
Apprentice to Francis Napier.—Son of George Hoggan of Waterside, Dumfriesshire. *Died* 20th February 1867. *Mar.* 1834, Elizabeth Craigie.
- HOGUE, THOMAS JOHN. 11th July 1839.
Apprentice to Alexander Hunter.—Second son of Arthur Hogue, residing at Barron House, Somersetshire. *Born* 23d November 1815. *Died* at Chittagong 27th July 1844, unmarried.
- HOME, ALEXANDER. 27th November 1673.
Apprentice to William Chieslie.—Son of John Home of Manderstoun, Berwickshire. *Died* 15th May 1702, aged 56. *Mar.* (1) 1st June 1676, Anna Home; and (2) Euphan, daughter of Thomas Young of Leny, Mid-Lothian, W.S. Commissary of Lauder, 1690-1702.

- HOME, GEORGE, OF WEDDERBURN AND PAXTON. 8th July 1763.
Apprentice to James Purves.—Second son of Alexander Home of Sardenfield, Berwickshire. *Died* 10th February 1820. Principal Clerk of Session, 26th July 1781 to 11th November 1808.
- HOME, HENRY. 29th July 1762.
Apprentice to John Davidson.—Eldest son of Alexander Home, Writer in Duns. *Born* 1732. *Died* May 1803. *Mar.* February 1767, Elizabeth, daughter of the Rev. Andrew Boyd, Minister of Twynholm.
- HOME, JAMES, OF GAMELSHELLS. 2d March 1686.
Apprentice to Andrew Young.—Son of George Home of Gamelsheills. *Died* 1719. *Mar.* 19th February 1696, Agnes, only daughter of Andrew Arrett of Dunbarn.
- HOME, SIR JAMES, OF BLACKADDER, BART. 20th June 1726.
Apprentice to Robert Hepburn.—Second son of Sir John Home of Blackadder, Bart. *Died* 28th March 1755. *Mar.* Catherine, daughter of George Livingstone, Depute-Clerk of Session. Commissary of Lauder, 15th December 1739.
- HOME, JAMES. 25th November 1765.
Apprentice to (1) Robert Hepburn; and (2) Thomas Baillie.—Eldest son of Alexander Home, Collector of Excise, Stirling. *Died* 9th October 1768. *Mar.* 1754, Mary, daughter of William Mitchelson, Builder in Edinburgh. Depute-Clerk of Session, May 1768.
- HOME, JAMES, OF LINHOUSE. 19th March 1782.
Apprentice to Samuel Mitchelson.—Only son of James Home, W.S. *Born* 17th December 1755. *Died* 2d January 1819. *Mar.* 20th August 1802, Catherine, eldest daughter of William Mitchell, Edinburgh. Lyon-Depute, 8th August 1796.
- HOME, JOHN. 20th February 1812.
Apprentice to John Davidson.—Eldest son of George Home, Town-Clerk of Leith. *Born* 1758. *Died* 13th October 1831. *Mar.* (1) Janet Halliday; and (2) Jean Morrison. Substitute-Keeper of the Signet, 1785-1831.
- HOME, JOHN. 12th January 1866.
Apprentice to John and Henry Gordon Gibson.—Son of William Home, W.S. *Born* 20th May 1838. *Died* 10th April 1890, unmarried.
- HOME, PATRICK, OF BASTLERIG. 13th July 1695.
Apprentice to Robert Carstairs.—*Died* August 1717. *Mar.* Helen Home. Treasurer, 1703-10.
- HOME, WILLIAM. 19th June 1823.
Apprentice to, and son of, John Home, W.S.—*Died* 6th May 1846, aged 50. *Mar.* 8th April 1829, Charlotte Helen, daughter of John Burne of Kingston.

- HOPE, DAVID. 12th December 1707.
Apprentice to Thomas Pringle.—Fourth son of Sir Archibald Hope, one of the Senators of the College of Justice. *Died* December 1736, unmarried.
- HOPE, HUGH. 8th February 1838.
Apprentice to Walker, Richardson, and Melville.—Fourth son of Sir John Hope of Pinkie, Bart. *Born* 3d June 1813. *Died* 15th August 1876. *Mar.* 1st August 1848, Catherine, daughter of Archibald Spens of Manor.
- HOPE, JAMES. 1st March 1799.
Apprentice to James Walker.—Third son of Dr. John Hope, Physician in Edinburgh. *Born* 7th September 1769. *Died* 14th November 1842. *Mar.* 16th July 1805, Jane, daughter of James Walker of Dalry, Edinburgh.
- HOPE, JAMES. 4th July 1828.
Apprentice to James Hope.—Third son of the Right Hon. Charles Hope of Granton, Lord President of the Court of Session. *Born* 28th May 1803. *Died* 14th February 1882. *Mar.* 2d December 1828, Elizabeth, daughter of David Boyle of Shewalton, Lord President of the Court of Session. Joint Deputy-Keeper of the Signet, 1828-50; sole Keeper, 1850-82.
- HOPE, JAMES, OF BELMONT. 10th December 1840.
Apprentice to, and second son of, James Hope, W.S.—*Born* 1st July 1818. *Mar.* 16th April 1850, Hon. Gertrude Elphinstone, daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel James Drummond Buller Elphinstone, and sister of William, fifteenth Baron Elphinstone.
- HOPE, JAMES ARTHUR, LL.B. 28th October 1889.
Apprentice to John Kirk.—Son of David Boyle Hope, Advocate, Sheriff of Dumfries and Galloway. *Born* 21st January 1865.
- HOPE, JAMES EDWARD. 31st October 1879.
Apprentice to (1) James Hope; and (2) A. Howe, J. S. Tytler, and W. Macgillivray.—Eldest son of James Hope of Belmont, W.S. *Born* 6th November 1852. *Mar.* 1st June 1880, Sophia, fifth daughter of Sir William Edmonstone of Duntreath, Bart.
- HOPE, JOHN. 12th November 1829.
Apprentice to, and eldest son of, James Hope, W.S.—*Born* 12th May 1807.
- HOPKIRK, JOHN GLASSFORD. 15th November 1811.
Apprentice to Sir James Gibson-Craig.—Second son of James Hopkirk of Dalbeth, Lanarkshire. *Born* 1789. *Died* 2d August 1859. *Mar.* 12th September 1815, Jessie, second daughter of John Hamilton of Polmont Bank, Stirlingshire.
- HORNE, DONALD, OF LANGWELL. 6th July 1813.
Apprentice to James Horne, his uncle.—Second son of John Horne of Stirkoke, Caithness. *Died* 23d June 1870, aged 83. *Mar.* 1st June 1821, Jane, daughter of Thomas Elliot Ogilvie of Chesters, Roxburghshire.

- HORNE, JAMES, OF LANGWELL.** 16th November 1781.
Apprentice to James Marshall.—Son of William Horne, tacksman of Scouthill, Watten, Caithness. *Died* 29th September 1831, aged 79.
- HORNE, THOMAS.** 3d May 1881.
Apprentice to, and eldest son of, Thomas Elliot Ogilvie Horne, W.S.—*Born* 25th June 1854. *Mar.* 6th August 1885, Horatia Georgiana Ramsay, second daughter of Major James Wardlaw, Belmaduthy, and widow of William G. C. Asher.
- HORNE, THOMAS ELLIOT OGILVIE.** 24th June 1852.
Apprentice to, and son of, Donald Horne, W.S.—*Born* 1st January 1829. *Died* 26th June 1884. *Mar.* Priscilla Moore.
- HORSBRUGH, CHARLES EDWARD.** 15th July 1890.
Apprentice to D. Beith, R. D. Beith, A. Forrester, and P. Murray.—Son of William Horsbrugh, Cupar-Fife. *Born* 16th July 1865.
- HORSBURGH, WALTER.** 27th February 1818.
Apprentice to John Tweedie.—Son of Thomas Horsburgh, tenant in Yair, Selkirkshire. *Born* 1792. *Died* 22d June 1858. *Mar.* 21st September 1830, Elizabeth, daughter of the Rev. Andrew Murray, D.D., Minister of Auchterderran.
- HOSSACK, CAMPBELL.** 13th January 1890.
Apprentice to Alexander Paterson Purves.—Youngest son of Robert Campbell Hossack, Bonnington Grove. *Born* 26th August 1865.
- HOTCHKIS, JAMES.** 23d June 1820.
Apprentice to Richard Hotchkis and James Tytler.—Only son of Richard Hotchkis, W.S. *Born* 16th August 1795. *Died* 24th March 1865. *Mar.* 20th July 1824, Margaret, youngest daughter of Major Thomas Hart of Castlemilk, Dumfriesshire.
- HOTCHKIS, JAMES NAPIER.** 12th July 1887.
Apprentice to George Dunlop.—Eldest son of Major Richard James Hotchkis, and grandson of James Hotchkis, W.S. *Born* 16th July 1863.
- HOTCHKIS, RICHARD, OF TEMPLEHALL.** 1st August 1788.
Apprentice to (1) John Bell; and (2) James and William Tytler.—Son of James Hotchkis of Hoxwood, Shropshire, Brewer in Edinburgh. *Born* 5th May 1759. *Died* 23d February 1824. *Mar.* 1st July 1791, Isobel, daughter of Richard Gardner, Comptroller-General of Customs. *Treasurer*, 1792-1824.
- HOUSTOUN, ARCHIBALD.** 29th December 1699.
Apprentice to Robert Carstairs.—Killed in a brawl by Gilbert Kennedy, younger of Auchtyfardle, March 1706. *Mar.* 27th January 1702, Esther, daughter of Robert Carstairs, W.S.

- HOWATSON, WILLIAM, OF HAZELBRAE. 16th June 1818.
Apprentice to Alexander Goldie.—Eldest son of William Howatson of Hazelbrae.
Born 1793. *Died* 7th May 1821.
- HOWDEN, ANDREW. 19th June 1818.
Apprentice to John Mowbray.—Son of James Howden, Watchmaker in Edinburgh. *Died* 27th March 1861, aged 66. *Mar.* 16th July 1827, Laura, daughter of Robert Richard Maitland, Edinburgh.
- HOWDEN, ANDREW CASSELS. 26th May 1825.
Apprentice to John Renton and Joseph Grant.—Son of Alexander Howden, Merchant in Leith. *Born* 1801. *Died* 19th March 1875. *Mar.* (1) 3d September 1827, Catherine Sinclair, only child of Adam Robinson of Pearmont; and (2) Miss Fulton.
- HOWDEN, ROBERT. 9th July 1821.
Apprentice to William Dallas.—Eldest son of Francis Howden, Goldsmith in Edinburgh. *Born* 1797. *Died* 20th June 1858. *Mar.* 27th November 1852, Eliza Sophia, daughter of H. C. Burnet, York, and widow of W. H. S. James, Calcutta.
- HOWE, ALEXANDER. 8th November 1849.
Apprentice to (1) John Mackenzie Lindsay; and (2) Thomas George Mackay.—Son of Charles Howe, residing in Forfar. *Born* 26th April 1820.
- HUGHES, GEORGE. 15th November 1832.
Apprentice to George Turnbull.—*Born* 17th August 1808. *Died* 6th November 1873. *Mar.* 7th August 1838, Helen Magniac, youngest daughter of David Erskine, of Elambazar, Bengal.
- HUME, JOHN. 12th August 1783.
Apprentice to David Anderson.—Third son of John Hume of Ninewells, Berwickshire. *Died* 10th October 1806.
- HUME, MATHEW NORMAN MACDONALD, OF BERNISDALE. 17th November 1815.
Apprentice to Michael Linning.—Son of Norman Macdonald of Scalpay, Inverness-shire. *Born* 1793. *Died* 7th July 1878. *Mar.* (1) 5th March 1818, Catherine Finnan; (2) 26th July 1831, Grace, daughter of Sir John Hay of Smithfield and Haystoun, Bart.; and (3) 25th April 1843, Agnes Hume of Ninewells, second daughter of the Hon. David Hume, Baron of Exchequer.
- HUNT, JAMES, OF NAVITY. 31st May 1860.
Apprentice to (1) John Cosens; and (2) James Charles Murray.—Son of William Hunt, W.S. *Born* 9th February 1828. *Died* 13th October 1879, unmarried.

HUNT, WILLIAM, OF NAVITY.

25th June 1819.

Apprentice to James Mackenzie and William Innes.—Eldest son of Charles Hunt, Dunfermline. *Died* 9th October 1854, aged 59. *Mar.* 17th April 1826, Mary, only daughter of James Normand of Baltilly, Fifeshire.

HUNTER, ALEXANDER.

22d November 1813.

Apprentice to, and fourth son of, John Hunter of Doonholm, Ayrshire, W.S.—*Born* 9th January 1790. *Died* 28th September 1858. *Mar.* 26th April 1819, Maria, third daughter of Alexander Maclean of Coll, Argyllshire. Sheriff-Clerk of Ayrshire, 1827-58.

HUNTER, ALEXANDER GIBSON, OF BLACKNESS.

7th June 1797.

Apprentice to John Anderson.—Eldest son of David Hunter of Blackness, Linlithgowshire. *Born* 1771. *Died* 9th March 1812. *Mar.* 29th August 1800, Ann, daughter of Alexander Gibson Wright of Cliftonhall, Mid-Lothian.

HUNTER, EVAN ALLAN.

15th June 1848.

Apprentice to John M. Lindsay.—Son of Alexander Hunter, W.S. *Born* 19th June 1825. *Died* 16th April 1890. *Mar.* 15th June 1871, Ernestine Eglinton, daughter of John Stuart Hay Newton of Newton. Sheriff-Clerk of Ayrshire, 1858-90.

HUNTER, FRANK.

28th October 1881.

Apprentice to Evan Allan Hunter, his uncle.—Son of Alexander Maclean Hunter, residing at Balla-Balla, Cranbourne, Australia. *Born* 26th July 1858. *Mar.* 31st March 1886, Elizabeth Agnes, daughter of Rev. John Mein-Austin of St. Mungo.

HUNTER, JOHN, OF DOONHOLM.

26th June 1769.

Apprentice to John Bell.—Second son of Andrew Hunter of Abbotshill, Ayrshire, Writer in Edinburgh. *Born* 21st April 1746. *Died* 24th April 1823. *Mar.* 1773, Jane, second daughter of William Fergusson of Doonholm and Bonnytown.

HUNTER, JOHN.

22d November 1821.

Apprentice to William Mackenzie and Alexander Monypenny.—Son of David Hunter, Brewer in Aberdeen. *Died* 21st January 1848. *Mar.*

HUNTER, JOHN.

6th July 1826.

Apprentice to Walter Cook.—Eldest son of Dr. James Hunter, Professor of Logic in University of St. Andrews. *Born* 1801. *Died* 3d December 1869. *Mar.* 18th September 1829, Helen, daughter of Richard Vary of Crossford, Lanarkshire. Auditor of Court of Session, 1849-66.

HUNTER, RICHARD.

15th November 1838.

Apprentice to Mackenzie and Sharpe.—Son of Richard Hunter, of the Hon. East India Company's Service. *Born* 20th June 1817. *Died* July 1844, unmarried.

HUNTER, THOMAS.

11th November 1647.

Apprentice to James Farquharson.—Son of Thomas Hunter, Bailie in Carsland, Ayrshire.

HUNTER, WILLIAM.

30th December 1647.

Resigned his Commission, 15th October 1663, on account of his age.

HUNTER, WILLIAM CONSTABLE.

19th March 1888.

Apprentice to David S. Dickson and David Shaw.—Son of Patrick Hunter of Waterybutts, Perthshire. *Born* 14th March 1865.

HUNTER, WILLIAM VARY.

17th March 1864.

Apprentice to Charles Morton.—Son of John Hunter, W.S., Auditor of Court of Session. *Born* 30th September 1839. *Died* 18th January 1872, unmarried.

HUTCHESON, JAMES.

1st August 1707.

Apprentice to Adam Fullerton.—*Died* 1726. *Mar.* Margaret Scougall.

HUTCHESON, JAMES.

27th June 1878.

Apprentice to George Dalziel.—*Born* 10th August 1846.

HUTCHINSON, ALEXANDER.

4th February 1830.

Apprentice to James Arnott.—Son of Captain John Hutchinson, Commander of the Irish Revenue cutter *Nepean*. *Died* 14th November 1869, aged 71. *Mar.* (1) 1834, Jane Charlotte Gordon; and (2) 19th June 1851, Elizabeth, daughter of the Rev. James Watt, of the Grammar School, Aberdeen.

HYNDMAN, JOHN BLAIR, OF SPRINGSIDE.

12th December 1816.

Apprentice to Coll Macdonald.—Son of Robert Hyndman of Springside, Ayrshire. *Died* 20th January 1843, aged 50, unmarried.

HYSLOP, WILLIAM AIRD.

20th October 1884.

Apprentice to Charles Baxter.—Son of James Macadam Hyslop, M.D., residing in Edinburgh. *Born* 24th December 1859.

IMLACH, GEORGE.

7th March 1788.

Apprentice to John Tait.—Eldest son of the Rev. Alexander Imlach, Minister at Muirhouse. *Died* 1812. *Mar.* Mary Cunningham.

IMLACH, GEORGE.

22d February 1813.

Apprentice to John Dickson.—Only son of George Imlach, W.S. *Died* 3d February 1823. *Mar.* 14th June 1813, Agnes, daughter of Robert Wight, Murrays, East-Lothian.

INGLIS, ANDREW.

17th July 1862.

Apprentice to, and eldest son of, Henry Inglis of Torsonce, Mid-Lothian, W.S.—*Born* 4th January 1833. *Mar.* 28th July 1862, Eliza Louisa, eldest daughter of Major-General Frederick Hope.

INGLIS, GEORGE.

3d July 1632.

Apprentice to George Lermonth.

- INGLIS, HARRY HERBERT. 16th July 1873.
Apprentice to Frederick Pitman.—Younger son of the Right Hon. John Inglis of Glencorse, Mid-Lothian, Lord Justice-General. *Born* 21st July 1848.
- INGLIS, HARRY MAXWELL, OF LOGANBANK. 1st July 1828.
Apprentice to Archibald Gibson.—Eldest son of the Rev. John Inglis, D.D., one of the Ministers of Edinburgh, and brother of Right Hon. John Inglis, Lord Justice-General. *Born* 1800. *Died* 7th May 1883, unmarried. Principal Clerk of Session, 3d June 1858 to 1880.
- INGLIS, HENRY, OF TORSONCE. 13th November 1828.
Apprentice to, and son of, William Inglis, W.S.—*Born* 6th November 1806. *Died* 3d April 1885. *Mar.* (1) 2d April 1832, Mary Ann, daughter of Andrew Stein of Wester Greenyards; and (2) 27th January 1880, Ann Kinnear. Author of *The Briar of Threave*, and *the Lily of Barholm*, 1855, and other poems. Struck off List of Society on 14th April 1879.
- INGLIS, JOHN, OF AUCHINDINNIE. 7th August 1691.
Apprentice to Archibald Nisbet.—Son of John Inglis of Langbyres, Lanarkshire. *Died* 31st January 1731. *Mar.* (1) Helen Hay; and (2) Catherine Nisbet.
- INGLIS, JOHN, OF ABERHOLDOUN. 9th December 1717.
Apprentice to John Inglis.—*Died* 24th November 1726.
- INGLIS, WILLIAM. 25th June 1632.
Apprentice to John Gilmour.—*Died* 1647. *Mar.* Susan Pringle.
- INGLIS, WILLIAM. 26th June 1789.
Apprentice to Andrew Stuart.—Second son of Laurence Inglis, Merchant in Edinburgh. *Died* 20th June 1830. *Mar.* 16th March 1797, daughter of James Stein of Kilbagie, Clackmannanshire.
- INNES, ALEXANDER. 5th December 1699.
Apprentice to Robert Innes, his brother.—Son of Alexander Innes of Blairtoun, Aberdeenshire. Struck off Roll, not having paid his fees.
- INNES, ALEXANDER. 6th August 1768.
Apprentice to John Davidson.—Eldest son of Alexander Innes of Cathlaw, Linlithgowshire. *Died* 1782. *Mar.* 14th January 1775, Janet, youngest daughter of Thomas Shairp of Houston, Linlithgowshire.
- INNES, CHARLES. 25th November 1780.
Apprentice to David Anderson.—Son of Alexander Innes, Advocate in Aberdeen. *Died* 27th September 1818.
- INNES, EDWIN SANDYS MITCHELL. 16th November 1871.
Apprentice to John M. Lindsay and Alexander Howe.—Son of George Mitchell Innes of Bangour, Linlithgowshire. *Born* 4th July 1846.

- INNES, JAMES. 28th February 1811.
 Apprentice to James Fraser, Francis Brodie, and David Wemyss.—Son of John Innes, W.S., residing in Durris. *Died* 1842, aged 57.
- INNES, JOHN, OF LEUCHARS. 22d November 1776.
 Apprentice to Charles Gordon.—Son of Robert Innes, Merchant in Elgin. *Born* 13th October 1747. *Died* 10th May 1827. *Mar.* 2d September 1780, Euphemia, daughter of James Russel of Earlsmill. Sheriff-Substitute of Kincardineshire, 1808-27. Father of Cosmo Innes, the Antiquary.
- INNES, JOHN, OF COWIE. 16th January 1800.
 Apprentice to George Robinson.—Eldest son of Alexander Innes of Breda, Commissary of Aberdeen. *Born* 1776. *Died* 17th April 1832. *Mar.* (1) 25th July 1800, Une Cameron, eldest daughter of Robert Barclay of Urie, Kincardineshire; and (2) Janet, eldest daughter of William Rogers, Edinburgh.
- INNES, JOHN BROWN. 16th November 1837.
 Apprentice to, and son of, William Innes, W.S.—*Born* 26th September 1814. *Died* 2d February 1883. *Mar.* 20th October 1855, Emily, daughter of Rowland Burdon Cotgrave, Pinner, Middlesex.
- INNES, JOHN COTGRAVE. 28th April 1882.
 Apprentice to J. B. Innes, John Logan, and C. B. Logan.—Only son of John Brown Innes, W.S. *Born* 23d December 1857.
- INNES, ROBERT, OF BLAIRTOUN. 11th May 1680.
 Apprentice to William Thomson.—Eldest son of Alexander Innes of Blairtoun, Aberdeenshire. *Died* January 1699. *Mar.* Sophia Smith. Lyon-Depute, 1681. M.P. Anstruther-Easter, 1685-6.
- INNES, THOMAS, OF MONELLIE. 11th January 1758.
 Apprentice to (1) Andrew Hay of Montblairie; and (2) Andrew Burnet.—Second son of Thomas Innes of Muryfold. *Born* 15th November 1730. *Died* 6th September 1779. *Mar.* Elizabeth Innes.
- INNES, THOMAS. 8th March 1821.
 Apprentice to John Innes, Junr.—Third son of John Innes, W.S. *Born* 1798. *Died* 17th December 1844. *Mar.* 2d February 1832, Mary, daughter of Archibald Bogle, Merchant in Glasgow.
- INNES, WILLIAM. 4th January 1671.
 Apprentice to (1) Robert Alexander; (2) William Chalmer; (3) James Cheyne.—Son of William Innes of Tibbertie. *Mar.* February 1690, Jean, second daughter of David Murray, of Clairden.
- INNES, WILLIAM. 18th March 1704.
 Apprentice to Robert Innes.—*Died* June 1746. *Mar.* Janet, daughter of Sir William Cunningham of Caprington, Bart., and widow of George Primrose of Dunipace.

- INNES, WILLIAM. 18th May 1801.
Apprentice to Archibald Milne.—Eldest son of John Innes of Blackhills, Elginshire. *Died* 8th August 1841, aged 66. *Mar.* 18th August 1810, Mary, eldest daughter of George Brown of Linkwood, Elginshire.
- IRVINE, JOHN. 25th August 1698.
Apprentice to William Thomson.—Son of Robert Irvine of Cults, Aberdeenshire.
- IRVING, GEORGE, OF NEWTON. 8th February 1720.
Apprentice to Alexander Home.—Son of James Irving, Usher of the Privy Council. *Died* 19th June 1742. *Mar.* 1711, Sarah, daughter of Thomas Weir, Surgeon in Edinburgh. Clerk to the City of Edinburgh.
- IRVING, GEORGE. 20th November 1828.
Apprentice to, and son of, John Irving, W.S.—*Born* 1805. *Died* 19th February 1841, unmarried.
- IRVING, JOHN. 10th July 1794.
Apprentice to John Tait.—Second son of George Irving of Newton, Lanarkshire. *Born* November 1770. *Died* 26th May 1850. *Mar.* 2d July 1804, Agnes Clerk, eldest daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel Lewis Hay, R.E.
- IRVING, PATRICK, OF INVERAMSAY. 19th November 1797.
Apprentice to Lachlan Duff.—Son of John Irving of Auchmunzie. *Born* 23d September 1773. *Died* 3d February 1854. *Mar.* 1st June 1803, Margaret, daughter of Patrick Orr of Bridgeton, Kincardineshire. Author of *Considerations of the Inexpediency of the Law of Entail*, 1826, and other legal works.
- IRVING, ROBERT. 28th July 1751.
Apprentice to Thomas Goldie.—Second son of William Irving of Bonshaw, Dumfriesshire. *Died* 20th November 1772. *Mar.* January 1764, Mary, daughter of William Veitch of Ellicock, Dumfriesshire, W.S.
- IVORY, HOLMES. 19th April 1876.
Apprentice to Alexander F. Adam and John Kirk.—Eldest son of William Ivory, Advocate, Sheriff of Inverness. *Born* 21st March 1851. *Mar.* 21st December 1877, Margaret Dick, eldest daughter of John Dick Peddie, R.S.A., Architect, Edinburgh.
- IVORY, WILLIAM. 23d November 1827.
Apprentice to Thomas Mackenzie.—Son of Thomas Ivory, residing in Dundee. *Died* 21st May 1868, aged 70. *Mar.* 30th April 1846, Robina, daughter of Robert Cox of Gorgie, Mid-Lothian. Compiled a *Catalogue of the Law-Books in the Library of the Society of Writers to Her Majesty's Signet*, 1856.
- JACKSON, GIDEON. 23d September 1736.
Apprentice to Alexander M'Millan.—Son of Robert Jackson of Lowherelds. *Died* 11th August 1773. *Mar.* Mary Hepburn. Resigned his Commission, 15th March 1746. Clerk to the Tolbooth, 1775.

JAMESON, ANDREW.

17th November 1836.

Apprentice to William Bell.—Son of John Jameson, residing in Dublin. *Born* 19th September 1812. *Died* January 1872. *Mar.* 14th March 1852, Margaret Cochrane. Sheriff-Clerk of Clackmannan, 1841-72.

JAMESON, GEORGE GRANT.

21st November 1833.

Apprentice to (1) David Ramsay; and (2) John Donaldson.—Son of the Rev. John Jameson, D.D. *Born* 1st April 1805. *Died* 1835, unmarried.

JAMESON, JAMES HOTCHKIS.

4th August 1880.

Apprentice to J. B. Innes and John and C. B. Logan.—Son of Andrew Jameson, Advocate, Sheriff of Aberdeen and Kincardine. *Born* 4th January 1855. *Mar.* 25th March 1884, Virginia, elder daughter of William Ker, Manilla.

JAMESON, WILLIAM, OF ROSEFIELD.

13th December 1793.

Apprentice to Robert Boswell.—Only son of William Jameson, Mason, and Deacon Convener of the Trades, Edinburgh. *Died* 26th June 1825. *Mar.* (1) November 1795, daughter of John Spottiswoode, Merchant in Edinburgh; and (2) Elizabeth Jane Turnbull.

JAMIESON, JAMES AULDJO.

15th March 1861.

Apprentice to John Dundas, William Wilson, and A. M. Bell.—Son of James Jamieson, Doctor of Medicine in Aberdeen and afterwards in Edinburgh. *Born* 25th September 1832. *Mar.* 17th November 1863, Isabella, only daughter of James Powrie of Reswallie, Forfarshire. Crown Agent, 1874-80, 1885, 1886.

JAMIESON, ROBERT.

2d July 1829.

Apprentice to Robert Strachan.—Eldest son of Robert Jamieson, W.S. *Died* at Melbourne, 14th February 1850.

JAMIESON, ROBERT, OF HERIOT HILL.

2d January 1759.

Apprentice to John Watson.—Son of Robert Jamieson, Merchant in Aberdeen. *Died* 31st October 1808. *Mar.* (1) Jean Richardson; and (2), June 1770, Catherine, daughter of John Lockhart of Cleghorne, Lanarkshire.

JAMIESON, ROBERT.

23d March 1796.

Apprentice to, and son of, Robert Jamieson, W.S. *Died* 7th December 1832, aged 63. *Mar.* 19th April 1796, Jane, daughter of Alexander Christie, Provost of Montrose.

JAMIESON, ROBERT WILLIAM.

23d June 1829.

Apprentice to Adam Gib Ellis.—Son of Thomas Jamieson, Soap-boiler in Leith. *Died* 10th December 1868, aged 63. *Mar.* 2d April 1835, Christina, daughter of Major-General John Pringle of Symington, Mid-Lothian. Author of *Nimrod: a Dramatic Poem*, 1848, and other works.

JARDINE, SIR HENRY, OF HARWOOD.

25th June 1790.

Apprentice to John Davidson.—Son of Rev. John Jardine, D.D., one of the Ministers of Edinburgh. *Born* 30th January 1766. *Died* 11th August 1851. *Mar.* 26th April 1794, Catherine, youngest daughter of George Skene of Rubislaw, Aberdeenshire. Solicitor of Taxes, 1793; Depute King's Remembrancer in Exchequer, 1802; King's Remembrancer, 1820-31. Knighted 20th April 1825. Author of a *Report relative to the Tomb of King Robert the Bruce and the Cathedral Church of Dunfermline.*

JARDINE, JAMES.

16th January 1834.

Apprentice to, and youngest son of, Sir Henry Jardine, W.S. *Born* 7th October 1810. *Died* 15th November 1839. *Mar.* 30th January 1834, Ann, daughter of Colonel Tomlinson, and widow of Captain Windowe.

JOHNSTON, ALEXANDER.

13th November 1817.

Apprentice to John Pollock.—Eldest son of George Johnston of Hillhouse. *Died* 31st December 1864, aged 75. *Mar.*

JOHNSTON, ALEXANDER.

8th July 1831.

Apprentice to James Arnott.—Son of William Johnston, of Viewfield, Merchant in Aberdeen. *Born* 4th June 1809. *Died* 14th June 1880. *Mar.* 1st January 1836, Christina Martha, second daughter of John Leith Ross of Arnage, W.S.

JOHNSTON, GEORGE.

1st August 1786.

Apprentice to Walter Scott.—Second son of Thomas Johnston of Templehall, Berwickshire. *Died* 1801.

JOHNSTON, JAMES, OF STRAITON.

5th July 1661.

Apprentice to Robert Hamilton.—*Died* May 1684. *Mar.* 25th November 1664, Ann, third daughter of Quentin Hamilton of Barncluith, Lanarkshire.

JOHNSTON, ROBERT.

6th March 1828.

Apprentice to Charles Cunningham and Carlyle Bell.—Son of Robert Johnston, Tenant of Slateheugh, West Calder. *Died* 1853, aged 66. *Mar.* 1835, Elspeth Duff.

JOHNSTON, ROBERT.

13th November 1828.

Apprentice to (1) William Dymock, and (2) John Dymock.—Only son of John Johnston of Middlefield, Leith. *Born* 12th August 1805. *Died* 12th May 1869. *Mar.* 21st May 1829, Isabella, eldest daughter of Joseph Johnston, Register House.

JOHNSTON, ROBERT BRUCE.

17th January 1861.

Apprentice to Jardine, Stodart, and Fraser.—Son of Robert Johnston, W.S. *Born* 29th April 1835. *Died* 4th February 1888. *Mar.* 8th June 1864, Agnes Cockburn, daughter of James Nelson Smith, Merchant, London and Sydney. Procurator-Fiscal of Edinburgh, 1868-88.

- JOHNSTON, ROBERT FLEMING.** 21st January 1874.
Apprentice to John Richardson.—Son of John Smith Johnson, S.S.C. *Born* 22d February 1840. *Mar.* 22d May 1872, Isabella Anna Catherine, second daughter of Rev. Charles Irving, Rector of Donoughmore.
- JOHNSTON, ROBERT HERBERT.** 13th January 1890.
Apprentice to W.S. Fraser.—Eldest son of Robert Bruce Johnston, W.S. *Born* 1st May 1865. *Mar.* 11th February 1890, Edith, younger daughter of John Comrie Thomson, Advocate.
- JOHNSTON, WILLIAM.** 4th March 1805.
Apprentice to John Dickson.—Only son of George Johnston, Supervisor of Excise for the Ayr District. *Died* 1828. *Mar.* 29th December 1806, Sarah, daughter of Robert Riddle of Carzield, Dumfriesshire.
- JOHNSTON, WILLIAM, OF BANKS.** 19th March 1782.
Apprentice to (1) Robert Irving; and (2) John Syme.—Only son of James Johnston of Banks. *Died* 16th November 1789. *Mar.* 1st November 1781, Nancy, daughter of — Shortred of Colmslie, Roxburghshire.
- JOHNSTON, WILLIAM CAMPBELL.** 13th July 1885.
Apprentice to John Cowan and James A. Dalmahoy.—Son of Henry Johnston, Surgeon in the Hon. East India Company's Service. *Born* 24th November 1860. *Mar.* 24th July 1889, Alicia Christina, daughter of Major-General R. D. Macpherson, Bengal Staff Corps.
- JOHNSTONE, JOHN.**
Commissioner, 16th December 1594.
- JOHNSTONE, WILLIAM.** 30th January 1880.
Apprentice to John Gibson, Junr., and Robert Strathern.—Elder son of Christopher Johnstone of Crofthead, Dumfriesshire, General Manager of the Caledonian Railway Company. *Born* 25th August 1855. *Mar.* 28th June 1887, Janet, eldest daughter of John James Malcolm Borthwick, Billholm, Dumfriesshire.
- JOLLIE, JAMES.** 12th December 1783.
Apprentice to James Forrest.—Son of Walter Jollie, Tailor in Edinburgh. *Born* 1775. *Died* 30th August 1846. *Mar.* 14th September 1790, Christian, daughter of the Rev. John Hart, Minister of Kirkinner. Clerk to the Merchant Company.
- JOLLIE, WALTER.** 5th March 1818.
Apprentice to (1) James Jollie and (2) James Dundas.—Eldest son of James Jollie, W.S. *Died* 12th May 1859, aged 68. *Mar.* 19th August 1825, Hannah Lycette, eldest daughter of Lieutenant-General Avarne of Rugeley, Stafford.

- JONES, THOMAS WILLIAM.** 18th July 1861.
Apprentice to Charles Morton.—Son of Edmund Morse Jones, Surgeon. *Born* 5th July 1834. *Mar.* 4th April 1872, Elizabeth Macfarlane, youngest daughter of James Greig of Eccles, W.S., and widow of J. C. Henderson, S.S.C.
- JOPP, JOHN.** 31st May 1827.
Apprentice to John Russell.—Second son of Andrew Jopp, Advocate in Aberdeen. *Born* 18th July 1805. *Died* 31st October 1857. *Mar.* 7th September 1841, Margery, eldest daughter of John Smith of Drongan, Ayrshire.
- JUNNER, JOHN CLARK.** 10th March 1870.
Apprentice to William Ferguson.—Son of John Mackenzie Junner, S.S.C. *Born* 22d March 1846. *Mar.* 18th March 1875, Margaret Balfour, eldest daughter of A. B. Wright, Edinburgh.
- KARR, ANDREW, OF KIPPILAW.** 2d October 1696.
Apprentice to James Hay.—Only son of Lieutenant-Colonel Andrew Karr of Kippilaw, Roxburghshire. *Died* 16th October 1744, aged 85. *Mar.* Jean Stirling.
- KAY, JAMES.**
Signs Minute of 16th December 1594. *Mar.* Elizabeth Scott.
- KEILL OR KYLE, ROBERT.** 29th November 1673.
Apprentice to James Carnegie.—*Mar.* Sarah Cockburn.
- KEITH, ALEXANDER, OF RAVELSTON AND DUNOTTAR.** 15th July 1763.
Apprentice to (1) Hew Crawford; and (2) John Mackenzie of Delvin.—Eldest son of Alexander Keith of Ravelston, Depute-Clerk of Session. *Died* 26th February 1819. *Mar.* 24th April 1811, Margaret, youngest daughter of Laurence Oliphant of Gask, Perthshire.
- KEITH, JAMES, OF AUQUHORSK.** 7th March 1664.
Apprentice to James Cheyne and others.
- KEITH, ROBERT.**
Commissioner, 18th October 1631.
- KELLIE, T.**
Signs Minute of 17th January 1606.
- KELLIE, WILLIAM, OF EASTBARNES.**
Signs the Acts, 26th December 1627. *Died* February 1632. Was twice married.
- KELSO, WILLIAM, OF DANKEITH.** 13th May 1707.
Apprentice to John Cuningham of Enterkine.—Second son of John Kelso of Kelsoland, Ayrshire. *Died* about 1721. *Mar.* April 1697, Mary, daughter of John Dunlop of that Ilk.

KENE, JOHN.

Commissioner, 16th December 1594. Son of Thomas Kene, Writer in Edinburgh.
Died about 1597.

KENE, RICHARD.

21st February 1599.

Son of John Kene, W.S.

KENNAWAY, ANDREW LAURIE.

17th January 1888.

Apprentice to Charles Baxter.—Son of Robert Kennaway, Farmer, Polton Mains, Mid-Lothian. *Born* 30th August 1863.

KENNEDY, ALEXANDER.

1st December 1825.

Apprentice to John Forman.—Youngest son of the Rev. Thomas Kennedy, Minister of St. Madoes. *Died* 19th April 1868, aged 68, unmarried.

KENNEDY, GEORGE, OF ROMANNO.

2d November 1711.

Younger son of Robert Kennedy of Auchtifardle, Lanarkshire. *Died* 1743. *Mar.* (1) February 1714, Janet, daughter of Andrew Pringle of Clifton, Selkirkshire; (2) October 1721, Anne, daughter of Adam Cleghorn, Merchant and Bailie of Edinburgh; and (3) January 1731, Anne, daughter of George Stirling, Surgeon in Edinburgh. Under-Keeper of the Signet, 1711-13. Warden of the Mint. Fiscal, 1722-23.

KENNEDY, HUGH.

24th January 1822.

Apprentice to Walter Cook.—Second son of Captain George Kennedy, younger of Romanno, Peeblesshire. *Born* 7th September 1797. *Died* 4th May 1876, unmarried.

KENNEDY, JOHN.

29th June 1661.

Apprentice to, and son of, Quintin Kennedy, W.S.—*Died* before 1689.

KENNEDY, JOHN, OF UNDERWOOD.

8th December 1808.

Apprentice to James Dundas.—Third son of John Kennedy of Underwood, Ayrshire. *Born* 1785. *Died* 3d March 1862. *Mar.* 4th January 1814, Margaret Buchanan, youngest daughter of Neil Snodgrass of Cunninghamhead, Ayrshire.

KENNEDY, JOHN, OF UNDERWOOD.

18th July 1844.

Apprentice to Richard Campbell.—Son of John Kennedy, W.S. *Born* 22d August 1816. *Mar.* 6th August 1851, Margaret Elizabeth, daughter of Colin Macrae, of Inverinate, Ross-shire, Merchant, London.

KENNEDY, JOHN.

19th July 1877.

Apprentice to, and eldest son of, John Kennedy, W.S.—*Born* 12th September 1852. *Mar.* 6th January 1884, Jessie Edwards Reid.

KENNEDY, QUINTIN.

Mentioned 1629. Grand-nephew of James Kennedy, Merchant, burgess of Aberdeen. *Died* before 1660.

- KENNEDY, ROBERT.** 1st July 1822.
Apprentice to Patrick Tennent.—Son of the Rev. Thomas Kennedy, Minister of St. Madoes. *Born* 1798. *Died* 17th March 1840, unmarried.
- KENNEDY, WILLIAM.** 28th June 1827.
Apprentice to Francis Brodie, and George Imlach.—Third son of William Kennedy of Kirkland, Dumfriesshire. *Born* 1800. *Died* 23d April 1877. *Mar.* 28th September 1841, Sarah, daughter of William Carrick, Carlisle.
- KENNWYE, JAMES.** 15th January 1634.
Apprentice to John Ker.
- KER, JOHN.**
Commissioner, 1631. *Died* 1633. *Mar.* 30th August 1614, Janet Ker.
- KER, JOHN, OF KERFIELD.** 22d November 1799.
Apprentice to Alexander Young.—Second son of William Ker of Kerfield, Peeblesshire. *Born* 1773. *Died* 22d September 1838, unmarried.
- KER, ROBERT DARLING.** 18th January 1886.
Apprentice to William Smith.—Son of Robert D. Ker, residing at St. Leonard's House, Edinburgh. *Born* 15th January 1853. *Mar.* 20th April 1882, Joanna, daughter of Daniel Johnston, St. Abbs, Trinity.
- KERMACK, GEORGE.** 14th July 1884.
Apprentice to John Cook.—Youngest son of William Ramsay Kermack, W.S. *Born* 9th February 1860.
- KERMACK, JOHN.** 10th July 1810.
Apprentice to Robert Cathcart.—Son of John Kermack, Writer in Edinburgh. *Born* 9th September 1781. *Died* 3d April 1860. *Mar.* 9th October 1815, Jane Ogilvie, daughter of the Rev. William Ramsay, Minister of Cortachy.
- KERMACK, JOHN.** 30th November 1871.
Apprentice to, and eldest son of, William Ramsay Kermack, W.S.—*Born* 2d May 1847.
- KERMACK, WILLIAM RAMSAY.** 8th June 1843.
Apprentice to, and youngest son of, John Kermack, W.S.—*Born* 3d September 1820. *Died* 8th May 1883. *Mar.* 3d June 1846, Elizabeth, daughter of Henry Armstrong, Edinburgh. *Fiscal*, 1872-83.
- KERR, CHARLES, OF ABBOTRULE.** 10th March 1789.
Apprentice to David Erskine.—Eldest son of Patrick Kerr, W.S. *Died* 17th November 1821.
- KERR, PATRICK, OF ABBOTRULE.** 6th July 1768.
Apprentice to (1) Francis Pringle; and (2) Walter Scott.—Second son of William Kerr of Abbotrule, Roxburghshire. *Died* 10th July 1791. *Mar.* April 1766, Jean Hay.

KERR, THOMAS.

22d February 1821.

Apprentice to James Greig.—Youngest son of the Rev. Alexander Kerr, Minister of Stobo. *Born* 1798. *Died* 18th June 1832, unmarried.

KERR, THOMAS, LL.B.

28th June 1878.

Apprentice to James Bruce.—Son of the Rev. Samuel Kerr, Minister of Yester. *Born* 2d October 1848. *Mar.* 29th July 1875, Jane, younger daughter of William Mills, Leehouses, Haddington.

KETCHEN, WILLIAM THOMAS.

18th January 1886.

Apprentice to James Hotchkis Jameson.—Son of William Robinson Ketchen, Solicitor, Elie. *Born* 27th September 1858.

KETTLE, ALEXANDER.

See YOUNG, ALEXANDER KETTLE.

KEYDEN, WILLIAM, OF LYNEDALE.

22d November 1799.

Apprentice to Alexander Young.—Son of the Rev. William Keyden, Minister of Penpont. *Died* 5th January 1826.

KINLOCH, ROBERT.

28th July 1882.

Apprentice to George Robertson and John Hope Finlay.—Son of Alexander John Kinloch of Park, Aberdeenshire. *Born* 25th July 1855. *Mar.* 8th January 1880, Mary Isabella, only daughter of Henry Dundas Murray of the Ochtertyre family.

KINNEAR, GEORGE THOMAS BALFOUR, OF CROSS.

29th November 1855.

Apprentice to Adam Hay and Robert Pringle.—Eldest son of James Kinnear, W.S. *Born* 8th February 1833. *Mar.* 16th November 1858, Agnes, daughter of Harry Gordon, Liverpool.

KINNEAR, JAMES, OF WESTER FORRET.

Commissioner, 1st June 1607. *Died* October 1617. *Mar.* 6th May 1601, Margaret Bickartoun.

KINNEAR, JAMES.

1st December 1634.

Apprentice to Robert Pringle.—Son of James Kinnear, W.S. *Died* 1st November 1665. *Mar.* Elizabeth Alexander. Re-admitted 21st November 1661.

KINNEAR, JAMES.

1st March 1832.

Apprentice to Richard Mackenzie and William Sharpe.—Seventh son of George Kinnear, Banker in Edinburgh. *Born* 2d December 1810. *Died* at Cadiz, 21st June 1849. *Mar.* 6th March 1831, Mary Henrietta, eldest daughter of William Balfour of Trenaby, Orkney.

KINNEAR, JAMES BALFOUR.

14th July 1884.

Apprentice to A. Hamilton, G. T. Kinnear and R. Beatson.—Eldest son of George Thomas Balfour-Kinnear, W.S. *Born* 24th September 1859. *Mar.* 26th January 1887, Catherine, second daughter of John Fraser of Parkburn, M.D.

- KINNEAR, THOMAS. 25th May 1826.
Apprentice to Walter Dickson.—Son of Thomas Kinnear of Kinloch, Fifeshire.
Died at Toronto, 27th July 1843, aged 40, unmarried.
- KIRK, COLIN. 5th May 1715.
Apprentice to Colin Campbell of Carwhin.—Eldest son of Mr. Robert Kirk,
Minister of Aberfoyle. *Died* 18th March 1725. *Mar.* 20th June 1715, Jean,
second daughter of George Stirling of Herbertshire, Stirlingshire.
- KIRK, JOHN. 18th July 1849.
Apprentice to James Hope and Robert Oliphant.—Son of Douglas Kirk, Surgeon,
R.N. *Born* 23d July 1820. *Died* at Cape Town 27th April 1889. *Mar.* 17th
January 1854, Frances, third daughter of William Berry of Tayfield, Director of
Chancery, 1873-89.
- KIRK, WILLIAM JOHN. 28th April 1882.
Apprentice to James Hope.—Son of John Kirk, W.S. *Born* 5th February 1859.
Mar. 29th April 1886, Helen Liddell Niven, youngest daughter of John Jeffrey,
Brewer, Edinburgh.
- KIRKPATRICK, JOHN GEORGE. 15th July 1886.
Apprentice to J. O. Mackenzie, W. R. Kermack, and John Kermack.—Son of
Roger Kirkpatrick of Lagganlees, Dumfriesshire. *Born* 27th January 1864.
- KIRKWOD, JAMES. 30th June 1628.
Apprentice to Robert Kirkwod.—*Died* 1646. *Mar.* 16th November 1631, Jean
Measone.
- KIRKWOD, ROBERT.
Signs Minute of 17th January 1606. *Died* before 1642. *Mar.* 4th October 1610,
Sibylla Gilbert.
- KNOX, JOHN. 28th February 1684.
Apprentice to John Campbell of Succoth.—*Died* 6th December 1705, aged 46.
Mar. 9th December 1684, Marjory Dundas.
- KYNCAID, JOHN.
Signs Minute of 17th January 1606. *Died* about 1622.
- LAIDLAW, JAMES. 16th November 1784.
Apprentice to Robert Jameson.—Son of Robert Laidlaw, Tenant in Peile. *Died*
1st May 1831. *Mar.* 11th August 1801, Jean, daughter of John Pitcairn,
Merchant and Provost of Dundee.
- LAKE, RICHARD. 25th November 1780.
Apprentice to James Stuart.—Son of Richard Lake, Merchant in Edinburgh.
Died December 1798.

LAMBTON, STEPHEN.

11th July 1833.

Apprentice to William Renny.—Son of Arthur Lambton, residing in Norwich.
Born 25th February 1809. *Died* 1851. *Mar.* 4th December 1833, Frances
 Elizabeth, second daughter of Major George Brown, 4th Dragoons.

LAMBIE, JAMES.

29th November 1673.

Apprentice to Robert Alexander.—*Mar.* 30th June 1670, Janet Rae.

LAMONT, ALEXANDER, OF KNOCKDOW.

21st May 1812.

Apprentice to Craufurd Tait.—Eldest son of James Lamont of Knockdow, Argyll-
 shire. *Born* 1784. *Died* 21st August 1861. *Mar.* 3d April 1827, Jane, daughter
 of Alexander Chrystie of Balchrystie, Fifeshire.

LAMONT, WILLIAM.

1st July 1819.

Apprentice to (1) Henry Jardine; and (2) Richard Hotchkiss.—Son of Peter
 Lamont, Brewer in Edinburgh. *Died* 1858, aged 69. Was twice married.

L'AMY, JOHN RAMSAY, OF DUNKENNY.

22d February 1838.

Apprentice to George Combe.—Eldest son of James L'Amy of Dunkenny, Forfar-
 shire, Advocate. *Born* 9th April 1813. *Mar.* (1) 10th June 1845, Mary Riche
 Macleod, only daughter of William Mitchell Innes of Ayton; and (2) 10th
 November 1885, Mrs. Adeline Atty or Malcolm, London.

LANG, JAMES.

16th November 1812.

Apprentice to Ninian Hill.—Son of John Lang, Writer in Glasgow. *Died* 1869.
Mar. 14th April 1818, Eliza, fourth daughter of John Dickson of Kilbucho,
 Peeblesshire.

LANG, WILLIAM.

27th February 1818.

Apprentice to Robert Fleming.—Son of John Lang, Sheriff-Clerk of Selkirkshire.
Born 1791. *Died* 12th January 1837. *Mar.* 27th April 1830, Isabella, daughter
 of the Rev. Andrew Murray, D.D., Minister of Auchterderran.

LAUDER, DAVID.

7th April 1694.

Apprentice to George Dallas.—*Died* 20th January 1709, aged 46. *Mar.* 18th
 December 1696, Isabel, daughter of John Thomson, Merchant, Edinburgh.

LAUDER, ROBERT.

Died before 1630. *Mar.* 18th October 1610, Margaret Clapperton.

LAURIE, WILLIAM ALEXANDER, OF ROSSEND.

27th June 1823.

Apprentice to William Inglis.—Son of Alexander Laurie, Depute Gazette Writer.
Born 1800. *Died* 27th October 1870. *Mar.* (1) 6th February 1821, Harriet
 Oakley, youngest daughter of Robert Beatson of Kilry; and (2) 16th August
 1864, Isabella Taylor, daughter of Captain William Riddock, 4th Regiment.

- LAURIE, WILLIAM FRANCIS HUNTER.** 20th February 1834.
Apprentice to Archibald Watson Goldie.—Son of the Rev. Henry Laurie, Minister of Lochmaben. *Born* 26th June 1806. *Died* 2d March 1869. *Mar.* 23d December 1834, Christina, daughter of the Rev. William Bayne of Greenock.
- LAW, JAMES, OF BOGIS OR BOGNESS.** 28th December 1629.
Keeper of the Signet, 26th December 1627.
- LAW, JAMES.** 17th February 1825.
Apprentice to Walter Dickson.—Son of James Law of Elvingstone, Surgeon in Edinburgh. *Died* 7th October 1867, aged 67. *Mar.* 29th July 1828, Mary, eldest daughter of John Burnett, Surgeon in Edinburgh.
- LAWSON, ALEXANDER.**
Mentioned 1606.
- LAWSON, JAMES.** 19th June 1818.
Apprentice to James Laidlaw.—Eldest son of Peter Lawson, Seedsman in Edinburgh. *Died* 27th February 1864, aged 70. *Mar.* April 1826, Margaret, youngest daughter of John Clark, Edinburgh.
- LAWSON, JOHN, OF CAIRNMIUR.** 21st May 1805.
Apprentice to (1) Hugh Robertson ; and (2) James Dundas.—Eldest son of William Lawson of Cairnmuir, Peeblesshire. *Born* 1780. *Died* 9th June 1834. *Mar.* (1) 5th January 1808, Isabella, daughter of William Robertson, Deputy-Keeper of the Records ; and (2) 25th January 1825, Janet, second daughter of James Brown of Edmondstone, Lanarkshire. Representative of Lawson of Highriggs.
- LAWTIE, ADAM, OF SAUGHTONHALL.**
Commissioner, 1594. Son of David Lawtie, Writer, Edinburgh. *Died* 1628.
- LAYNG, JOHN, OF SPITTALLS.**
Depute-Secretary and Keeper of the Signet, 16th December 1594. *Died* 14th February 1612. *Mar.* Rebecca Dennistoun.
- LEARMONTH, JOHN.**
Commissioner, 18th October 1631. *Died* November 1649.
- LEGAT, ROBERT.** 16th July 1858.
Apprentice to Adam Paterson.—Only son of Robert Legat of Esk Park, Musselburgh. *Born* 11th April 1831. *Died* 6th December 1877. *Mar.* 3d February 1866, Emily, youngest daughter of James Eddowes, Surgeon, Royal Artillery.
- LEISHMAN, JOHN.** 19th November 1835.
Apprentice to William Fraser.—Only son of the Rev. Robert Leishman, Kinross. *Born* June 1807. *Died* 18th September 1867. *Mar.* 3d March 1840, Hannah Elizabeth, daughter of John Weatherly, Whickham House, Durham.
- LEITH, JOHN ROSS.**
See ROSS, JOHN LEITH.

- LENY, GRAHAM, OF GLINS. 17th May 1799.
Apprentice to (1) William Anderson; and (2) Robert Dundas.—Second son of George Leny of Nether Glins. *Died* 21st January 1827.
- LESLIE, ALEXANDER. 21st February 1655.
Apprentice to Francis Hay.—Eldest son of Lachlane Leslie of Miltoun in Balvanie, Banffshire. *Died* February 1670. *Mar.* (1) Margaret, daughter of ——— Scott, City Clerk of Edinburgh; and (2) 13th October 1668, Jean Lindsay. Re-admitted 8th July 1661.
- LESLIE, SIR JOHN, OF WARDIS AND FINDRASSIE, BART. 16th November 1784.
Apprentice to Andrew Stuart.—Son of Charles (John ?) Leslie, Writer in Edinburgh. *Died* 30th October 1825. *Mar.* 15th July 1794, Caroline Jemima, only daughter and heir of Abraham Leslie of Findrassie, Elginshire. Claimed and Assumed Baronetcy as 4th Baronet.
- LESLIE, WILLIAM. 22d November 1776.
Apprentice to Alexander Robertson.—Son of Thomas Leslie, Merchant in Montrose. *Died* 16th October 1798.
- LEVEN, JOHN. 8th June 1804.
Apprentice to John Tait.—Son of John Leven, General Supervisor of Excise. *Born* 1780. *Died* 3d April 1862. *Mar.* 31st August 1826, Janet, youngest daughter of the Rev. James Wemyss, Minister of Burntisland.
- LIND, ARCHIBALD. 10th March 1808.
Apprentice to Robert Trotter.—Fourth son of David Lind of Bearlawholme. *Died* 1811.
- LINDESAY, JAMES. 22d June 1837.
Apprentice to Walker, Richardson, and Melville.—Son of William Lindesay, Merchant in Leith. *Born* 16th April 1812. *Died* 12th January 1888, unmarried.
- LINDSAY, JAMES. 1st March 1832.
Apprentice to John Mowbray.—Son of George Lindsay, residing in Edinburgh. *Born* 4th July 1806. *Mar.* 27th September 1849, Jessie Brand, daughter of Robert Kellie Douglas, Birmingham.
- LINDSAY, JAMES WILLIAM. 23d April 1873.
Apprentice to Patrick Blair.—Son of William Lindsay of Hermitage Hill, Leith. *Born* 5th October 1849.
- LINDSAY, JOHN MACKENZIE. 17th November 1814.
Apprentice to Alexander Pearson.—Fourth son of James Lindsay Carnegie of Boysack, Forfarshire. *Born* 15th March 1792. *Died* 4th August 1873. *Mar.* 22d July 1835, Florence, daughter of Rev. Charles Brown of Whitestone Rectory, Devon. Director of Chancery, 25th June 1858-73. Principal Clerk of Session, 26th February 1847 to 6th July 1858.

- LINDSAY, ROBERT JOHN.** 7th June 1872.
Apprentice to James Lindsay, his uncle.—Son of Robert Lindsay, Pharmaceutical Chemist in Edinburgh. *Born* 16th February 1848. *Mar.* 6th April 1887, Isabella Littlejohn, daughter of Adam Paterson, LL.D., Writer in Glasgow.
- LINDSAY, WILLIAM.** 14th July 1789.
Apprentice to Archibald Tod.—Third son of Martin Lindsay, Writer in Edinburgh. *Died* 1849. *Mar.* 20th February 1792, daughter of John Mackenzie, Merchant in Stirling.
- LINDSAY, WILLIAM PERCIVAL.** 8th October 1883.
Apprentice to (1) Henry Inglis; and (2) John W. Young and John Blair.—Son of John Kyle Lindsay, S.S.C. *Born* 25th April 1861.
- LINNING, MICHAEL, OF CUMBERHEAD.** 18th June 1801.
Apprentice to James Drummond.—Son of Thomas Linning, and grandson of the Rev. Thomas Linning, Minister of Lesmahagow. *Born* 1775. *Died* 17th February 1838. *Mar.* 29th April 1800, daughter of Henry Patrick Wilson, H.E.I.C.S.
- LISTER, DAVID, OF KININMONTH.** 9th July 1805.
Apprentice to Edward Bruce.—Son of James Lister, Farmer, Pitlessie Mill, Fifeshire. *Died* 18th December 1827, aged 66. *Mar.* 14th February 1801, Janet, daughter of James Blyth of Kininmonth, and widow of Andrew Fernie of Wester Kilmux, Fifeshire.
- LITTLE, JAMES.** 2d March 1804.
Apprentice to Thomas Cranston.—Youngest son of John Little of Stewarton. *Died* 9th September 1816.
- LITTLE, ROBERT.**
See GILMOUR, ROBERT LITTLE.
- LIVINGSTON, JOHN.** 3d July 1828.
Apprentice to John Murray.—Son of John Livingston, Merchant in Strathblane. *Born* 1800. *Died* 24th November 1838, unmarried.
- LIVINGSTON, JOHN CHRISTIAN.** 17th March 1890.
Apprentice to Robert Strathern.—Son of James Livingston, Merchant, Edinburgh. *Born* 14th January 1866.
- LOCH, JAMES.** 4th July 1769.
Apprentice to James Syme.—Third son of William Loch of Hawkshaw, Writer in Edinburgh. *Died* 2d September 1793. *Mar.* Miss Colville of Sunbury. H.M. Remembrancer to the Court of Exchequer.
- LOCKHART, EPHRAIM.** 25th February 1803.
Apprentice to (1) William Blair; and (2) Campbell Adie.—Son of Ephraim Lockhart of the Customs, Leith. *Died* 26th November 1850, aged 74. *Mar.* 22d April 1818, Janet, daughter of John Learmonth, Parkhall, Stirlingshire.

- LOCKHART, NORMAN, OF TARBRAX. 21st May 1805.
Apprentice to William Macdonald.—Third son of Charles Lockhart of Muiravonside. *Died* 5th March 1853, aged 73. *Mar.* 3d January 1806, Phillis Barbara, daughter of John Macmurdo, Dumfries.
- LOCKHART, WILLIAM. 8th December 1662.
Apprentice to John Semple.—Son of James Lockhart of Cleghorne, Lanarkshire. Having been appointed Commissary of Lanark, suspended 8th January 1666.
- LOGAN, ALEXANDER CHRISTOPHER. 18th April 1877.
Apprentice to A. Hamilton, G. T. Kinnear and Robert Beatson.—Son of Alexander Stuart Logan, Advocate, Sheriff of Forfarshire. *Born* 7th May 1851.
- LOGAN, CHARLES BOWMAN. 9th February 1860.
Apprentice to, and son of, John Logan, W.S.—*Born* 3d May 1837. *Mar.* 16th July 1863, Margaret Carrick, daughter of Robert Romanes of Craigerne, Peeblesshire. Fiscal, 1883-87. Crown Agent, 1883-85, and February to June 1886. Deputy-Keeper of the Signet, 15th December 1887.
- LOGAN, DAVID. 1612.
Died 19th January 1614. *Mar.* 11th April 1611, Martha Muire.
- LOGAN, EDMUND. 4th February 1830.
Apprentice to James Hope.—Fourth son of William Logan of Clarkston. *Died* 24th January 1865, aged 61, unmarried.
- LOGAN, GEORGE. 12th December 1822.
Apprentice to William Bell.—Eldest son of Robert Logan, Milldown, Berwickshire. *Born* 1799. *Died* 18th July 1877. *Mar.* 5th August 1823, Marion, second daughter of Thomas Manson, Lambeth. Clerk of Teinds, 1841-77.
- LOGAN, JOHN. 19th November 1829.
Apprentice to James Mackenzie and William Innes.—Son of Robert Logan, residing in Lanark. *Born* 25th August 1792. *Died* 11th July 1883. *Mar.* 7th August 1833, Helen, daughter of Charles Bowman, Depute-Clerk of Teinds.
- LOGIE, WILLIAM. 1st March 1832.
Apprentice to Gibson and Oliphant.—Son of Major Logie, 97th Regiment. *Born* 18th December 1808. *Died* 15th November 1872. *Mar.* 1st June 1837, Jane Hewat, eldest daughter of James Black, Glasgow. Sheriff-Substitute at Airdrie, 1858-72.
- LONGMORE, JOHN ALEXANDER, OF DEANSHAUGH. 12th November 1835.
Apprentice to John Donaldson.—Only son of Adam Longmore, Junr., of the Exchequer. *Born* 28th October 1812. *Died* 16th April 1875, unmarried.
- LOTHIAN, EDWARD. 7th July 1795.
Apprentice to Charles Innes.—Son of the Rev. William Lothian, D.D., Minister of Canongate. *Died* 12th April 1840. Admitted Advocate, 3d June 1815.

LOTHIAN, JAMES HUGH.

7th July 1820.

Apprentice to Craufurd Tait.—Eldest son of the Rev. Andrew Lothian, Minister of the Associate Congregation of Portsburgh. *Died* 3d April 1831.

LOUDON, CHARLES EDWARD.

15th July 1889.

Apprentice to R. B. Ranken.—Son of William Loudon, Administrator-General, Bombay. *Born* 6th January 1865.

LOUTFOUT, JOHN.

3d October 1671.

Apprentice to George Sibbald.—Son to John Loutfout, Tailor, Burgess of Edinburgh, representative of the family of Orchil. *Died* 1709. Treasurer, 1699-1703. Keeper of the Privy Seal.

LOW, GEORGE.

23d April 1873.

Apprentice to John Brown Innes.—Youngest son of James Low of Laws, Berwickshire. *Born* 7th March 1849. *Mar.* 27th April 1880, Agnes Elizabeth, third daughter of Major Jocelyn Ffoulkes of Eriviatt, Denbighshire.

LOW, HENRY MALCOLM.

3d July 1820.

Apprentice to Samuel C. Somerville and Charles B. Scott.—Son of Robert Low of Clatto, Fifeshire. *Died* at Meeady, Pegu, 5th April 1858, aged 60, unmarried.

LOWE, WILLIAM DUNCAN.

18th March 1889.

Apprentice to J. A. Jamieson, G. Dalziel, J. Craik, and J. W. Tod.—Fourth son of John Duncan Lowe, Publisher, Edinburgh. *Born* 22d April 1849. *Mar.* 2d April 1890, Edith Campbell, daughter of Rev. Robert Gordon Balfour, of New North Free Church, Edinburgh.

LUMSDEN, CLEMENTS.

8th July 1823.

Apprentice to Richard Hotchkis and James Tytler.—Son of Harry Lumsden of Belhelvie, Aberdeenshire. *Died* 27th November 1853, aged 60. *Mar.* 3d July 1827, Jane, third daughter of James Forbes of Echt, Aberdeenshire. Admitted to Society of Advocates in Aberdeen, 1825.

LUMSDEN, JOHN, OF BLANERNE.

3d February 1701.

Apprentice to William Thomson.—Second son of Robert Lumsden of Stravithy. *Died* 27th December 1757.

LUMSDAINE, WILLIAM.

24th February 1778.

Apprentice to Samuel Mitchelson.—Fourth son of James Lumsdaine of Strath-tyrum. *Died* 19th January 1794. *Mar.* 14th October 1781, Ann, daughter of Sir Alexander Gordon of Lesmore, Bart.

LUNDIE, ARCHIBALD.

9th August 1782.

Apprentice to (1) Robert Menzies; and (2) John Moir.—Only son of the Rev. Henry Lundie, of Trinity College Church, Edinburgh. *Born* 1748. *Died* 4th May 1841.

LYALL, DAVID.

4th December 1823.

Apprentice to Richard Cowan.—Son of Alexander Lyall, Comptroller of the Customs, Aberdeen. *Died* 17th October 1826.

LYELL, DAVID.

28th January 1881.

Apprentice to Thomas E. O. Horne.—Son of David Lyell, S.S.C., Edinburgh. *Born* 19th May 1857. *Mar.* 14th June 1887, Florence, eldest daughter of William Tolson, Fazeley, Stafford.

LYON, DAVID.

11th August 1682.

Apprentice to John Lyon.—Son of William Lyon of Easter Ogil. *Died* 1726. *Mar.* May, daughter of Mr. Alexander Guthrie, Minister of Stracathro, Forfarshire. Commissary of Brechin.

LYON, GEORGE, OF WESTER OGIL.

15th June 1810.

Apprentice to Alexander Duncan.—Eldest son of Hugh Lyon, Captain in the Service of the English East India Company. *Died* 14th November 1866, aged 80. *Mar.* 28th March 1810, Catherine, third daughter of the Rev. Thomas Fleming, D.D., Minister of Lady Yester's Church, Edinburgh.

LYON, JOHN.

2d December 1672.

Apprentice to Alexander Leslie.—*Mar.* 1st March 1667, Helen Ramsay.

LYONS, MATHIAS.

1st March 1799.

Apprentice to Horatius Cannan.—Eldest son of Mathias Lyons, Merchant in Lerwick. *Died* 1837.

MACALISTER, CHARLES.

20th November 1818.

Apprentice to Walter Cook.—Youngest son of Alexander Macalister of Strathaird, Skye. Drowned on board the steamer *Comet* off Gourrock, 21st October 1825.

MACALLAN, ALLAN BERTRAM.

18th November 1858.

Apprentice to David Smith.—Son of James Macallan, W.S. *Born* 26th June 1836. *Died* 19th March 1888. *Mar.* 19th August 1875, Agnes Gertrude, eldest daughter of David L. Burn, St. Andrews.

MACALLAN, JAMES.

12th December 1816.

Apprentice to Francis Wilson.—Son of Thomas Macallan, Officer of Excise, Edinburgh. *Died* 16th June 1868, aged 76. *Mar.* (1) 30th April 1822, Catherine, eldest daughter of Robert Ainslie, W.S.; and (2) 27th July 1826, Cecilia, daughter of William Bertram of Nisbet, Lanarkshire.

MACANDREW, JOHN LEWIS.

3d May 1881.

Apprentice to Robert Macandrew and J. P. Wright.—Only son of John Macandrew, S.S.C. *Born* 17th July 1857. *Mar.* 29th January 1889, Elsie Mabel, only daughter of Major-General W. Lambert Yonge of Westwood, Frimley, Surrey.

MACANDREW, ROBERT.

12th July 1860.

Apprentice to William Ramsay Kermack.—Son of Robert Macandrew of the Chancery Office, Edinburgh. *Born* 7th October 1832. *Died* 18th February 1876, unmarried.

MACAO, WILLIAM ROSS.

29th January 1824.

Apprentice to Joseph Gordon.—Son of William Macao, Accountant of Excise, Edinburgh. *Born* 1799. *Died* 25th September 1881. *Mar.* (1) April 1832, Caroline, daughter of Alexander Anderson of Udoll; and (2) 19th August 1879, Adeline Louise, daughter of Chauncey Marshall, Merchant, State of New York.

MACARA, JAMES.

23d January 1818.

Apprentice to Robert Fleming.—Son of the Rev. John Macara, Minister of the Antiburgher Congregation, Path of Struie. *Born* 1788. *Died* 22d January 1855. *Mar.* 11th July 1834, Elizabeth, daughter of Peter Halkerston, S.S.C., LL.D. Author of *The Four Leading Doctrines of the New Jerusalem*.

MACARA, LAURENCE MUDIE.

19th December 1833.

Apprentice to Æneas Macbean.—Son of Robert Macara, Merchant in Dunfermline. *Born* September 1804. *Died* 15th December 1875, unmarried.

MACARTNEY, JOHN.

Intimation to be given him, May 1636.

MACARTNEY, WILLIAM.

Died before 1614.

MACAULAY, THOMAS.

Signs Minute of 19th November 1596. Clerk to Society. *Died* about 1647. *Mar.* Katherine Wallace.

MACBAYNE, JOHN CLERIHEW.

30th November 1792.

Apprentice to John Smyth.—Only son of Lauchlan Macbayne, Grocer, Edinburgh. *Died* 14th November 1800. *Mar.* Susan Kerr.

MACBEAN, ÆNEAS.

27th November 1807.

Apprentice to Archibald Milne.—Son of Alexander Macbean, Merchant in Campbelltown. *Born* 11th September 1776. *Died* 30th August 1857, unmarried.

MACBEAN, ÆNEAS.

16th November 1848.

Apprentice to Æneas Macbean, his uncle.—Son of the Rev. Hugh Macbean, Minister of Ardelach. *Born* 13th June 1820. *Mar.* 15th April 1852, Mary Ann, second daughter of Harry Gordon, Liverpool. Circuit Clerk of Justiciary, 1864.

MACBEAN, HARRY HAVELOCK.

25th May 1883.

Apprentice to, and son of, Æneas Macbean, W.S.—*Born* 1st November 1857.

- M'CALLUM, GEORGE KELLIE, OF BRACO.** 18th November 1825.
Apprentice to John Forman.—Only son of George M'Callum of Thornhill, Perthshire. *Born* 1804. *Died* 2d June 1884. *Mar.* 21st July 1841, Margaret Ann, only surviving daughter of George Kellie, M.D., Leith.
- M'CANDLISH, JOHN M'GREGOR.** 12th June 1845.
Apprentice to John Archibald Campbell.—Son of William M'Candlish, Receiver-General of Taxes for Scotland. *Born* 12th January 1821. *Mar.* 20th August 1863, Mary Sibbald, eldest daughter of Patrick Dalmahoy, W.S. General Manager and Actuary of the Scottish Union and National Insurance Company. President of the Faculty of Actuaries in Scotland.
- M'CHEYNE, ADAM.** 15th December 1814.
Apprentice to Robert Graham.—Son of William M'Cheyne, Thornhill. *Born* 1781. *Died* 24th February 1854. *Mar.* 1st November 1802, Lockhart Murray, daughter of David Dickson of Locherwoods, Dumfriesshire.
- M'CHEYNE, DAVID THOMAS.** 30th November 1826.
Apprentice to, and son of, Adam M'Cheyne, W.S.—*Born* 1804. *Died* 3d July 1831, unmarried.
- M'CLELLAND, GEORGE HUTCHISON.** 27th February 1823.
Apprentice to Alexander Young.—Third son of Thomas M'Clelland, Agent for the Bank of Scotland, Ayr. *Born* 26th December 1800. *Died* 19th October 1867, unmarried. Author of *Predestination and Election Vindicated from the Dependence on Moral Necessity*, 1848.
- M'COOK, JAMES.** 23d November 1813.
Apprentice to George Robinson.—Eldest son of James M'Cook, Advocate in Aberdeen. *Died* 28th April 1847, aged 59. *Mar.* 25th April 1820, Ann, only daughter of Thomas Laing.
- M'CULLOCH, JOHN SHEPPARD.** 13th January 1890.
Apprentice to R. L. and J. G. Stuart.—Son of John M'Casland M'Culloch of the British Linen Bank, Edinburgh. *Born* 18th June 1867.
- M'CULLOCH, WALTER, OF ARDWALL.** 11th March 1830.
Apprentice to John Gibson, Junr.—Second son of James Murray M'Culloch of Ardwall, Kirkcudbrightshire. *Born* 21st November 1807. Steward-Clerk of Kirkcudbright, 1849-59.
- MACDONALD, ALEXANDER, OF CALLEY.** 24th November 1774.
Apprentice to Alexander Cunningham.—Eldest son of Duncan Macdonald, Writer in Edinburgh. *Died* 6th February 1813.
- MACDONALD, COLL, OF DALNESS.** 18th March 1788.
Apprentice to William Macdonald.—Eldest son of James Macdonald of Dalness, Argyllshire. *Born* 1762. *Died* 1st January 1837. *Mar.* 22d October 1796, Elizabeth Barbour, daughter of Captain Donald Macbean, 10th Regiment.

MACDONALD, DUNCAN.

7th March 1833.

Apprentice to, and son of, Coll Macdonald, W.S.—*Born* 9th November 1809.
Died at Demerara 8th June 1842, unmarried.

MACDONALD, GEORGE RAINY.

24th October 1885.

Apprentice to Thomas S. Maclaren and William Traquair, Junr.—Son of Harry Macdonald, Writer and Banker in Portree. *Born* 11th December 1860.

MACDONALD, HECTOR.

See BUCHANAN, HECTOR MACDONALD.

MACDONALD, JAMES.

28th October 1874.

Apprentice to John Auld.—Son of John Macdonald, Accountant, Edinburgh.
Born 3d July 1850. *Mar.* 18th December 1889, Isabella Wilhelmina, younger daughter of Rev. William Cousin, Melrose.

MACDONALD, JAMES CUMMING RAFF.

14th July 1884.

Apprentice to Charles Baxter.—Son of James Macdonald, LL.D., Rector of Ayr Academy. *Born* 13th August 1858.

MACDONALD, MATHEW NORMAN.

See HUME, MATHEW NORMAN MACDONALD.

MACDONALD, RANALD GEORGE MEYRITT.

12th November 1835.

Apprentice to John Russell.—Fourth son of Lieutenant-Colonel Robert Macdonald of Inch Kenneth, Argyllshire. *Born* 25th February 1810. *Died* 19th September 1875. *Mar.* (1) 24th May 1836, Alicia Jane, eldest daughter of Rev. Nathaniel Bridges, Vicar of Hensbridge; and (2) 16th September 1875, Mary Ann, daughter of W. Horsman, and widow of E. Sandys Bain of Easter Livilands, Stirlingshire, Sergeant-at-Law.

MACDONALD, THOMAS.

19th July 1779.

Apprentice to William Macdonald.—Eldest son of James Macdonald of Falside, Sheriff-Substitute of Kincardine. *Died* 1821. *Mar.* 1st June 1780, Sarah, daughter of George Skene of Skene.

MACDONALD, WILLIAM, OF ST. MARTINS.

11th January 1762.

Apprentice to Robert Grant.—Eldest son of James Macdonald of Ranathan, Perthshire. *Born* 1732. *Died* 17th May 1814. *Mar.* 4th January 1772, Cecilia, daughter of David Kinloch of Kilry, Perthshire.

MACDONELL, ALEXANDER.

25th May 1826.

Apprentice to James Macdonell.—Youngest son of Alexander Macdonell, Writer in Inverness. *Died* 11th August 1851, aged 50, unmarried. Sheriff-Substitute of Wigtownshire, 1829-47.

MACDONELL, JAMES, OF MILNFIELD.

17th May 1811.

Apprentice to Coll Macdonald.—Eldest son of Alexander Macdonell, Writer in Inverness. *Born* 1785. *Died* 23d November 1841. *Mar.* 4th January 1813, Mary Proby, second daughter of George Mackenzie of Pitlundie.

- MACDOUGALL, PATRICK, OF CRICHEN. 20th July 1704.
Apprentice to Harry Nicoll.—*Died* May 1734. *Mar.* 20th March 1701, Elizabeth, daughter of Robert Martin of Burnbrae.
- MACDOUGALL, ALLAN, OF GALLANACH. 25th June 1770.
Apprentice to Colquhoun Grant.—Eldest son of Dugald Macdougall of Gallanach, Argyllshire. *Died* 24th December 1807. *Mar.* Margaret, second daughter of John Hay of Newhall, Mid-Lothian. Agent for the Commissioners of Annexed Estates.
- MACDOUGALL, ALLAN, OF HAYFIELD. 26th February 1824.
Apprentice to John Young.—Son of Patrick Macdougall of Macdougall. *Born* 1798. *Died* 3d August 1876, unmarried.
- MACDOUGALL, PATRICK, OF GALLANACH. 27th June 1839.
Apprentice to John Patten.—Eldest son of Dugald Macdougall of Gallanach, Argyllshire. *Born* 26th November 1817. *Died* 5th April 1866, unmarried.
- MACDOWALL, CHARLES. 5th July 1821.
Apprentice to John Campbell *quartus*.—Son of Archibald Macdowall, Surveyor of Customs of Leith. *Born* 1796. *Died* 27th July 1837. *Mar.* 26th November 1832, Jane Margaret Sawers, daughter of John Finnie of Swanston.
- MACDUFF, ALEXANDER, OF BONHARD. 14th November 1839.
Apprentice to David Welsh.—Son of Alexander Macduff of Bonhard, Perthshire. *Born* 5th December 1816. *Died* 20th March 1866. *Mar.* 21st September 1842, Mary, daughter of Francis Brown of Jordanhill, Trinidad.
- MACDUFF, ALEXANDER, OF BONHARD. 28th January 1876.
Apprentice to Colin Mackenzie, A. D. M. Black, and J. M. Mackenzie.—Son of Alexander Macduff of Bonhard, W.S. *Born* 29th July 1849. *Mar.* 16th May 1883, Edith Alexandrina, younger daughter of John Shiell of Smithfield, Forfarshire.
- M'EWAN, JAMES, OF BARDROCHWOOD. 16th December 1830.
Apprentice to Thomas Grierson.—Son of Robert M'Ewan, Factor for Lady Crawford at Rozelle, Ayrshire. *Born* 21st July 1801. *Died* 13th July 1874, unmarried.
- MACEWAN, WILLIAM, OF MUCKLY. 25th February 1740.
Apprentice to Archibald Stewart.—Son of John MacEwan of Muckly, Commissary Clerk of Dunkeld. *Died* 7th February 1765. *Mar.* (1) Grizel, third daughter of Dr. Thomas Rattray of Craighall, Perthshire; and (2) November 1757, Mark, daughter of Thomas Douglas.
- MACEWAN, WILLIAM. 4th July 1809.
Apprentice to Coll Macdonald.—Eldest son of Daniel MacEwan, Cattle-dealer at Burn of Ruskie. *Died* 3d October 1821. *Mar.* 1st August 1814, E——, daughter of ——— Lindsay, Stockbridge, Edinburgh.

MACEWEN, WILLIAM CAMPBELL.

28th January 1876.

Apprentice to Alexander F. Adam and John Kirk.—Son of John MacEwen of Broomhill, Inverness. *Born* 17th September 1849. *Mar.* 29th July 1882, Margaret, second daughter of David Croall of Southfield, Mid-Lothian.

MACFARLANE, JAMES, OF BALWILL.

6th June 1833.

Apprentice to Alexander Young.—Son of James Macfarlane of Balwill, Stirlingshire. *Born* 3d December 1809. *Died* 18th June 1870, unmarried.

MACFARLANE, JOHN.

24th December 1678.

Apprentice to John Bayne.—*Died* 3d November 1709, aged 65. *Mar.* (1) 16th August 1680, Euphan Ritchie; and (2) June 1700, Christian, daughter of John Hamilton of Bangour, Linlithgowshire. Treasurer, 1691-7.

MACFARLANE, JOHN.

12th November 1709.

Apprentice to, and son of, John Macfarlane, W.S.—*Died* 30th April 1771. *Mar.* January 1733, Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Henry Wardlaw of Pitreavie, Bart.

MACFARLANE, ROBERT.

29th June 1827.

Apprentice to James Greig.—Only son of Parlan Macfarlane, Tacksman of Glenmallashan, Dumbartonshire. *Born* 30th July 1802. *Died* 3d November 1880. *Mar.* 21st October 1843, Grace Addison, daughter of James Greig of Eccles, W.S. Admitted Advocate 9th March 1838. Appointed Sheriff of Renfrewshire 1853, raised to the bench with the title of Lord Ormidale, February 1862.

MACFARLANE, WILLIAM.

19th November 1782.

Apprentice to Colquhoun Grant.—Son of Daniel Macfarlane, Brewer in Portsburgh. *Born* 1749. *Died* 13th July 1831. *Mar.* (1) Barbara Waugh; and (2) 19th April 1811, Jane, eldest daughter of James Sommers, Writer, Edinburgh.

MACFARQUHAR, JOHN.

1st August 1788.

Apprentice to William Charles Craigie.—Son of George Macfarquhar, Coach-painter in Edinburgh. *Died* 10th June 1817. *Mar.* 15th October 1793, Bethia, daughter of Lawrence Brown of Edmonston.

MACGILL, JOHN.

Signs Minute of 16th December 1594. *Mar.* 6th August 1606, Marion Sandilands.

MACGILLIVRAY, WILLIAM.

3d November 1870.

Apprentice to (1) John Dundas; and (2) Alexander Howe.—Son of Alexander Macgillivray, residing at Carron Terrace, Stonehaven. *Born* 30th May 1823. *Mar.* 29th July 1868, Margaret, youngest daughter of John Dods, Brewer, Dunbar.

MACGLASHAN, ROBERT, OF EASTERTYRE.

9th March 1814.

Apprentice to Robert Graham.—Second son of Major Alexander Macglashan of Eastertyre, Perthshire. *Died* 1st August 1825.

MACGOWAN, JOHN.

24th January 1712.

Died 18th August 1762. *Mar.* 1st April 1713, Margaret, daughter of Francis Borthwick of Hartsyde.

MACGREGOR, JOHN.

16th January 1888.

Apprentice to John W. Young and John Blair.—Eldest son of Malcolm Macgregor, S.S.C., Edinburgh. *Born* 6th January 1864.

MACGREGOR, RONALD.

18th July 1854.

Apprentice to Edmund Baxter.—Eldest son of James Macgregor, Writer in Fort-William. *Born* 17th May 1830. *Died* 19th February 1868. *Mar.* 30th April 1860, Duncana M'Lachlan, youngest daughter of Alexander Cumming of Grieshernish, Isle of Skye.

MACHARG, JAMES.

7th March 1788.

Apprentice to John Hunter.—Son of Archibald Macharg, Writer in Edinburgh. *Died* 1794.

M'INTOSH, CHARLES.

13th July 1775.

Apprentice to Robert Jamieson.—Second son of John M'Intosh, Bailie and Merchant in Inverness. *Died* 26th November 1812, aged 71.

M'INTOSH, DONALD.

4th March 1816.

Apprentice to Kenneth Mackenzie.—Eldest son of Campbell M'Intosh of Dalmigavie, Writer in Inverness. *Born* 1792. *Died* 19th October 1832, unmarried.

M'INTOSH, GEORGE.

27th October 1882.

Apprentice to Hew Hamilton Crichton.—Eldest son of George M'Intosh, S.S.C., Edinburgh. *Born* 5th October 1859.

MACK, AITCHISON ALEXANDER, OF BURNSIDE.

28th June 1827.

Apprentice to Alexander Dallas and John Innes.—Sixth son of William Mack, Writer in Airdrie. *Born* 1803. *Died* 25th April 1843. *Mar.* 30th October 1829, Martha, youngest daughter of John White, Memus, Forfarshire.

MACK, OR MAK, GEORGE.

Commissioner, 16th December 1594.—Son of George Mack, Writer in Edinburgh. Fiscal 1604. *Died* 3d November 1622. *Mar.* Agnes Hay.

MACK, GEORGE.

7th November 1631.

Apprentice to William Kellie.—Nephew of George Mack, W.S. Treasurer, 1654-9. *Died* December 1664. Re-admitted 21st November 1661.

MACK, JOHN.

7th June 1667.

Apprentice to, and only son of, George Mack, W.S.—*Mar.* Mary Hepburn.

MACK, ROBERT.

21st November 1820.

Apprentice to Walter Dickson.—Son of William Mack, Writer in Airdrie. *Died* 12th December 1827.

- MACKAY, JAMES.** 14th March 1867.
Apprentice to, and son of, Robert Mackay, W.S.—*Born* 16th April 1844. *Died* 25th December 1876, unmarried.
- MACKAY, JAMES FRANCIS.** 10th October 1877.
Apprentice to Donald Beith.—Son of John Mackay, Pharmaceutical Chemist in Edinburgh. *Born* 6th April 1855. *Mar.* 14th April 1886, Annie Alma, daughter of David Croall of Southfield, Mid-Lothian.
- MACKAY, ROBERT.** 24th November 1831.
Apprentice to Gibson and Oliphant.—Son of James Mackay, Jeweller in Edinburgh. *Born* 6th March 1807. *Died* 11th May 1872. *Mar.* 13th March 1835, Elinor, only daughter of John Thorburn, Merchant in Leith.
- MACKAY, THOMAS GEORGE.** 8th March 1827.
Apprentice to Richard Mackenzie.—Son of Captain Æneas Mackay of Scotston, Peeblesshire. *Born* 11th March 1803. *Died* 1st May 1864. *Mar.* 12th October 1838, Mary, daughter of John Kirkcaldy of Baldovie, Forfarshire.
- M'KEAN, HUGH.** 16th November 1831.
Apprentice to (1) John M'Kean; (2) William Mackenzie; and (3) J. T. Gibson Craig.—Son of Andrew M'Kean of Locharwoods, Dumfriesshire. *Born* 30th June 1809. *Mar.* 11th August 1840, Ann Hally, third daughter of George Knight, Edinburgh.
- M'KEAN, JOHN.** 6th March 1817.
Apprentice to (1) Robert Cathcart; (2) John Kermack.—Son of Andrew M'Kean of Locharwoods. *Born* 4th May 1794. *Died* 3d January 1839. *Mar.* 24th July 1820, Margaret, youngest daughter of John Thomson, Leith. Manager of Scottish Widows' Fund.
- MACKENZIE, ALEXANDER, OF DELVINE.** 15th December 1714.
Apprentice to Thomas Pringle.—Second son of John Mackenzie of Delvine, Perthshire. *Died* July 1737. Principal Clerk of Session, 12th December 1718 till death.
- MACKENZIE, ALEXANDER, OF PORTMORE.** 15th July 1763.
Apprentice to John Mackenzie.—Son of Alexander Mackenzie, Bailie and Merchant in Dingwall. *Born* 5th February 1735. *Died* 4th September 1805. *Mar.* 25th October 1766, Ann, eldest daughter of Colin Mackenzie of Kilcoy, Ross-shire.
- MACKENZIE, ALEXANDER, OF MEIKLE SCATWELL.** 24th June 1835.
Apprentice to Alexander Monypenny.—Eldest son of William Mackenzie of Muirton, W.S. *Born* 28th February 1812. *Mar.* 6th January 1842, Marion Dalrymple, daughter of John Mansfield of Midmar, Aberdeenshire. Keeper of Register of Hornings, etc., 1839-44.

MACKENZIE, ANDREW.

3d July 1778.

Apprentice to John Mackenzie.—Second son of Kenneth Mackenzie, Professor of Civil Law in the University of Edinburgh. *Died* 10th September 1793. *Mar.* 30th April 1789, Janet, daughter of James Goodlet Campbell of Achlyne, Perthshire.

MACKENZIE, COLIN, OF ROSEND.

25th July 1722.

Apprentice to Alexander Mackenzie.—Son of Colin Mackenzie of Rosend. *Died* 3d December 1746.

MACKENZIE, COLIN, OF PORTMORE.

21st November 1790.

Apprentice to, and son of, Alexander Mackenzie of Portmore, Peeblesshire, W.S.—*Born* 11th January 1770. *Died* 16th September 1830. *Mar.* 13th May 1803, Elizabeth, daughter of Sir William Forbes of Pitsligo, Bart. Principal Clerk of Session, 14th November 1804 to 23d February 1828. Deputy-Keeper of the Signet, 1820-28.

MACKENZIE, COLIN.

14th July 1864.

Apprentice to, and eldest son of, James Hay Mackenzie, W.S.—*Born* 22d April 1841. *Died* 15th July 1882, unmarried. Deputy-Keeper of the Great Seal, 1866-82.

MACKENZIE, DONALD.

15th November 1872.

Apprentice to John Clerk Brodie.—Eldest son of Donald Mackenzie, Advocate, one of the Senators of the College of Justice. *Born* 10th July 1844. *Mar.* 13th July 1878, Laura Augusta Mackenzie, second daughter of Lynedoch Douglas, fifth son of General Sir Kenneth Douglas, Bart., of Glenbervie.

MACKENZIE, GEORGE.

30th November 1675.

Apprentice to John Bayne.

MACKENZIE, GEORGE.

15th July 1852.

Apprentice to (1) Arthur Campbell; and (2) John Ord Mackenzie, his brother.—Fifth son of Richard Mackenzie of Dolphinton, W.S. *Born* 12th September 1828. *Died* 16th September 1871. *Mar.* 16th April 1858, Agnes, second daughter of James Valentine Hagart of Glendelvine, Perthshire.

MACKENZIE, JAMES.

10th March 1806.

Apprentice to Alexander Grant.—Third son of Henry Mackenzie of the Exchequer, "The Man of Feeling." *Died* 7th February 1870, aged 90, unmarried.

MACKENZIE, JAMES HAY.

1st March 1831.

Apprentice to (1) William Mackenzie; and (2) Richard Mackenzie.—Second son of Colin Mackenzie of Portmore, W.S. *Born* 1810. *Died* 16th February 1865. *Mar.* (1) 11th April 1838, Janet Isabella, eldest daughter of James Wedderburn, Advocate, Solicitor-General for Scotland; and (2) 4th March 1863, Selina Jane Norton, widow of Donald Hume Macleod, 68th Regiment. Keeper of Register of Inhibitions, etc., 1844-65. Deputy-Keeper of the Great Seal, 1858-65.

- MACKENZIE, JOHN, OF DELVINE.** [No date] 1737.
Apprentice to Hugh Somerville.—Fourth son of John Mackenzie of Delvine.
Died 14th June 1778. *Mar.* Miss Renton of Lamerton. Deputy-Keeper of the
Signet, 1770-78. Principal Clerk of Session, 8th March 1776.
- MACKENZIE, JOHN, OF LETTEREWE.** 15th December 1825.
Apprentice to William Mackenzie and Alexander Monypenny.—Eldest son of
Alexander Mackenzie of Letterewe, Ross-shire. *Died* 4th January 1834, aged 33,
unmarried.
- MACKENZIE, JOHN.** 23d June 1853.
Apprentice to, and son of, John Whitefoord Mackenzie, W.S.—*Born* 3d September
1830.
- MACKENZIE, JOHN.** 18th November 1861.
Apprentice to, and son of, John Ord Mackenzie of Dolphinton, Lanarkshire, W.S.
—*Born* 1st March 1838. *Died* 22d August 1868, unmarried.
- MACKENZIE, JOHN MANSFIELD.** 18th March 1869.
Apprentice to (1) Thomas G. Mackay and Alexander Howe; and (2) Colin
Mackenzie.—Second son of Alexander Mackenzie of Meikle Scatwell, Ross-shire,
W.S. *Born* 20th January 1846.
- MACKENZIE, JOHN ORD, OF DOLPHINTON.** 26th June 1832.
Apprentice to, and eldest son of, Richard Mackenzie of Dolphinton, W.S.—*Born*
18th March 1811. *Mar.* (1) 25th April 1833, Margaret Hope, daughter of Sir
Thomas Kirkpatrick, Bart., of Closeburn, Dumfriesshire; and (2) 20th January
1881, Joanna, elder daughter of William Spens, Manager of the Scottish
Amicable Assurance Company, Glasgow.
- MACKENZIE, JOHN WHITEFOORD.** 26th May 1818.
Apprentice to Francis Napier.—Eldest son of John Mackenzie, M.D., Edinburgh.
Born 29th August 1794. *Died* 8th November 1884. *Mar.* 2d October 1826,
Jane Campbell, daughter of John Gordon of Carleton, Ayrshire, W.S.
- MACKENZIE, KENNETH.** 21st November 1777.
Apprentice to John Fraser.—Second son of Kenneth Mackenzie of Dundonnell,
Ross-shire. *Died* 1790.
- MACKENZIE, KENNETH, OF INVERINATE.** 29th June 1786.
Apprentice to Alexander Mackenzie.—Son of John Mackenzie of Brae. *Died*
20th November 1820. *Mar.* 27th October 1787, Ann, second daughter of
Thomas Mackenzie of Applecross, Ross-shire.
- MACKENZIE, KENNETH.** 15th December 1825.
Apprentice to Kenneth and Thomas Mackenzie.—Second son of Alexander
Mackenzie of Hilton, Ross-shire. *Born* 1798. *Died* in Canada 19th May 1874.
Mar. (1) 1831, Anne Urquhart, Aberdeen; and (2) 26th October 1853, Elizabeth
Charlotte Jones,

- MACKENZIE, RICHARD, OF DOLPHINTON.** 8th March 1803.
Apprentice to Kenneth Mackenzie.—Son of John Mackenzie of Dolphinton. *Born* 2d August 1780. *Died* 22d March 1850. *Mar.* 3d April 1810, Jane, daughter of Captain John Hamilton, 73d Regiment. Fiscal, 1820-24. Treasurer, 1824-28. Joint Deputy-Keeper of the Signet, 1828-50.
- MACKENZIE, ROBERT, OF SALACHARY.** 9th July 1801.
Apprentice to Kenneth Mackenzie.—Son of William Mackenzie, Writer in Inveraray. *Born* 1774. *Died* 29th March 1838. *Mar.* 18th May 1835, Mary, widow of Duncan Campbell of Duncholgine, Argyllshire.
- MACKENZIE, RODERICK.** 23d November 1819.
Apprentice to Æneas Macbean.—Son of George Mackenzie of Inniklet. *Born* 1793. *Died* 4th January 1844. *Mar.* 28th October 1822, Euphemia, eldest daughter of Andrew Johnston of Rennyhill, Fifeshire.
- MACKENZIE, THOMAS, OF APPLECROSS.** 4th March 1816.
Apprentice to, and eldest son of, Kenneth Mackenzie of Inverinate, W.S.—*Born* 1793. *Died* 9th June 1856. *Mar.* 13th May 1817, Margaret, daughter of George Mackenzie of Avoch, Ross-shire. M.P. for Ross and Cromarty, 1837-47.
- MACKENZIE, THOMAS.** 13th November 1849.
Apprentice to Arthur Campbell.—Third son of Thomas Mackenzie, W.S. *Born* 28th November 1822. *Died* 11th March 1884, unmarried.
- MACKENZIE, WILLIAM, OF MUIRTON.** 25th February 1803.
Apprentice to Colin Mackenzie, his brother.—Seventh son of Alexander Mackenzie of Portmore, W.S. *Born* 1st October 1780. *Died* 28th April 1856. *Mar.* (1) 6th July 1809, Mary, eldest daughter of James Mansfield of Midmar; and (2) 9th April 1821, Alice, eldest daughter of Andrew Wauchope of Niddrie-Marischal, Mid-Lothian. Keeper of the Register of Hornings, etc., 1829-39.
- MACKERSY, LINDSAY.** 15th March 1860.
Apprentice to, and son of, William Mackersy, W.S.—*Born* 10th December 1831. *Mar.* 2d August 1859, Ann Helena, youngest daughter of James Charles Stuart of Erncrogo, Kirkcudbrightshire.
- MACKERSY, WILLIAM.** 8th July 1823.
Apprentice to Charles Tawse.—Son of the Rev. John Mackersy, D.D., Minister of West Calder. *Born* 1795. *Died* 3d October 1875. *Mar.* 4th August 1829, Elizabeth, youngest daughter of Robert Walker of Sunny Bank, Fifeshire.
- MACKERSY, WILLIAM ROBERT.** 17th January 1888.
Apprentice to (1) Robert Pringle; and (2) George Dunlop.—Son of Lindsay Mackersy, W.S. *Born* 1st December 1863. *Mar.* 10th June 1890, Mary Luke, youngest daughter of John Bainbridge Callum, Edinburgh.

- MACKINTOSH, SIMON FRASER.** 15th January 1819.
Apprentice to Richard Hotchkis.—Son of James Mackintosh of Farr, Inverness-shire. *Died* 10th September 1842, aged 53, unmarried.
- MACKINTOSH, THOMAS.** 12th April 1887.
Apprentice to John William Young and John Blair.—Son of the Rev. Thomas Mackintosh, Minister of St. Cyrus. *Born* 12th October 1863.
- MACKNIGHT, JAMES, OF DALSLRAITH.** 5th December 1833.
Apprentice to James and Charles Nairne.—Son of the Rev. Thomas Macknight, D.D., Minister of Old Church, Edinburgh. *Born* 23d September 1810. *Died* 6th November 1878. *Mar.* 28th April 1842, Helen, third daughter of Commander Hugh Pearson, R.N., of Myrecairnie and Vellore. Edited, for the Abbotsford and Maitland Clubs, *Memoirs of Sir Ewen Cameron of Locheil*, 1848.
- MACKNIGHT, SAMUEL.** 7th March 1786.
Apprentice to (1) John Bell; and (2) John Tait.—Son of the Rev. James Macknight, D.D., Minister of Lady Yester's, Edinburgh. *Died* 24th August 1807.
- MACLACHLAN, GEORGE, OF MACLACHLAN.** 30th November 1826.
Apprentice to Robert Mackenzie.—Son of Donald MacLachlan of MacLachlan. *Born* 1803. *Died* 7th August 1877. *Mar.* Mary, daughter of John Thow.
- MACLACHLAN, JOHN, OF MACLACHLAN.** 13th April 1885.
Apprentice to Frederick Pitman.—Second and eldest surviving son of George MacLachlan of MacLachlan, W.S. *Born* 3d January 1859.
- MACLACHLAN, ROBERT.** 18th October 1886.
Apprentice to Colin Mackenzie, A. D. M. Black and J. M. Mackenzie.—Third son of George MacLachlan of MacLachlan, W.S. *Born* 20th September 1860. *Mar.* 25th April 1883, Helen Louisa, daughter of Captain Hale Monro of Ingsdon, Devon.
- M'LACHLAN, WILLIAM MACKAY.** 20th October 1885.
Apprentice to William Campbell M'Ewen.—Son of the Rev. James M'Lachlan, Minister of Inveravon, Banffshire. *Born* 19th November 1861.
- MACLAREN, THOMAS SHAW, OF SHAWFIELD.** 15th July 1874.
Apprentice to William Traquair.—Son of James MacLaren of Dalnabrick, Perthshire. *Born* 7th August 1841. *Mar.* 25th January 1883, Isabella Davidson, elder daughter of John Smith, Banker and Solicitor, Anstruther.
- M'LAREN, LAURENCE.** 14th July 1890.
Apprentice to John Rutherford.—Son of John M'Laren, Merchant, Edinburgh. *Born* 23d January 1865.
- MACLAREN, WILLIAM ALEXANDER.** 20th January 1875.
Apprentice to Thomas Spalding.—Son of Thomas MacLaren, S.S.C. *Born* 4th May 1843. *Died* 9th April 1886. *Mar.* 20th March 1884, Sarah Louisa, younger daughter of Benjamin Liddell of Press Castle, Berwickshire.

MACLAURIN, JOHN.

10th March 1825.

Apprentice to (1) Donald Maclean; and (2) John and Walter Ferrier.—Youngest son of John Maclaurin, residing at Lochfynehead. *Born* 1799. *Died* 20th May 1880. *Mar.* 22d December 1830, Grace, daughter of James Wylie of Airlywright, Perthshire. Sheriff-Substitute at Inveraray, 1834-60. Author of a *Digest of the Sheriff's Small Debt Act for Scotland*, 1838, and other works.

MACLEAN, ARCHIBALD.

17th November 1836.

Apprentice to, and son of, Donald Maclean, W.S.—*Born* 13th December 1810. *Died* 24th September 1844, unmarried.

MACLEAN, DONALD, OF DRIMNIN.

26th February 1796.

Apprentice to Colquhoun Grant.—Son of Allan Maclean of Drimnin, Argyllshire. *Born* 15th January 1770. *Died* 16th March 1853. *Mar.* 24th April 1793, Lillas, daughter of Colquhoun Grant, W.S. Solicitor to Court of Exchequer, 1822-37.

MACLEAN, FITZROY JEFFERIES GRAFTON.

4th December 1845.

Apprentice to John Maclaurin.—Son of Donald Maclean, W.S. *Born* 30th August 1813. *Died* 20th March 1858, unmarried.

MLEAN, HECTOR FREDERICK.

22d May 1845.

Apprentice to Charles Cuninghame and Carlyle Bell.—Third son of John M'Lean of Campbeltown. *Born* 9th November 1818. *Mar.* 1st June 1869, Marsali, daughter of Æneas Ranaldson Macdonell of Glengarry.

MACLEAN, JOHN.

24th January 1687.

Apprentice to John M'Farlane.—*Died* April 1695.

MACLEHOSE, ANDREW CRAIG.

1st July 1808.

Apprentice to Robert Ainslie.—Son of James Maclehose, Attorney-at-Law at Kingston, Jamaica. *Born* 1778. *Died* 10th April 1839. *Mar.* 2d October 1809, Mary, eldest daughter of John Goodrum of Shropham, Norfolk.

MACLEOD, ALEXANDER.

15th September 1704.

Died June 1706. *Mar.* Margaret, eldest daughter of William Montgomery of Machiehill, Peeblesshire. Under-Keeper of the Signet, 1704-5.

MACLEOD, RODERICK.

7th March 1732.

Apprentice to (1) Ronald Campbell; and (2) John Buchanan.—Second son of William Macleod of Luskinder, Inverness-shire. *Died* 26th June 1784. *Mar.* (1) Isabel, only daughter of Hector Bannatyne of Kames, Buteshire; and (2) Marjory, daughter of John Taylor, Writer in Edinburgh. Father of Sir William Macleod Bannatyne, one of the Lords of Council and Session.

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- M'MILLAN, ALEXANDER, OF DUNMORE.** 13th October 1726.
Apprentice to John Cunningham of Bandalloch.—*Died* 26th July 1770. *Mar.* (1) Margaret Campbell; and (2) Jane Campbell. Deputy-Keeper of the Signet, 1726-1742 and 1746-1770.
- MACMILLAN, ALEXANDER.** 19th June 1834.
Apprentice to Thomas Peat.—Son of Alexander Macmillan, Merchant in Campbelltown. *Born* 28th June 1808. *Died* 30th June 1865. *Mar.* 5th July 1841, Basil Hamilton, second daughter of Captain Henry Dundas Beatson, of H.M. Revenue cruiser *Swift*.
- MACMILLAN, ROBERT.** 6th March 1810.
Apprentice to John Syme.—Son of William Macmillan, Writer in Newton-Douglas. *Born* 1779. *Died* 19th May 1831, unmarried.
- MACMILLAN, THOMAS.** 17th November 1816.
Apprentice to David Wemyss.—Son of Thomas Macmillan of Shorthope, Selkirkshire. *Born* 1789. *Died* 10th June 1838, unmarried.
- MACNAB, JOHN, OF NEWTON.** 4th July 1783.
Apprentice to John Davidson.—Eldest son of Archibald Macnab of Newton of Balquhidder. *Died* 4th August 1801.
- M'NEILL, ARCHIBALD.** 18th June 1829.
Apprentice to (1) Robert Sym; and (2) John Maclaurin.—Son of John M'Neill of Colonsay, Argyllshire. *Born* September 1803. *Died* 2d June 1870. *Mar.* 18th July 1836, Christina Erskine, daughter of Major William Mitchell, of the Royal Bengal Artillery. Director in Chancery, 1843-58. Principal Clerk of Session, 6th July 1858 till death. Author of *Notes on the Authenticity of the Poems of Ossian*.
- MACNEILL, EWEN CAMERON.** 3d July 1828.
Apprentice to John and Alexander Smith.—Youngest son of Roderick Macneill of Barra, Inverness-shire. *Died* 1847, aged 42, unmarried.
- MACNEIL, HECTOR ARCHIBALD.** 25th November 1830.
Apprentice to Thomas Cranston.—Son of Captain Archibald Macneil of the 75th Regiment, and 3d Royal Veteran Battalion. *Died* 11th April 1875. *Mar.* 5th July 1842, Louisa, daughter of James Sinclair of Forss, Caithness.
- MACNEILLIE, DAVID.** 4th July 1809.
Apprentice to Alexander Blair.—Son of John Macneillie, Marchfield, Castle-Douglas. *Born* 15th July 1779. *Died* 11th April 1850. *Mar.* 24th May 1819, Mary, daughter of John Falconer, Mains of Dalrulzian, Perthshire.

- MACONOCHIE, ROBERT BLAIR, OF GATTONSIDE.** 23d November 1837.
Apprentice to Alexander Monypenny.—Second son of Alexander Maconochie of Meadowbank, Mid-Lothian, one of the Senators of the College of Justice. *Born* 21st May 1814. *Died* 4th October 1883. *Mar.* 6th January 1846, Charlotte Joanna, daughter of John Tod of Kirkhill, Mid-Lothian.
- M'PHERSON, JOHN.** 26th January 1671.
Apprentice to John Cuningham.—Son of Dougall M'Pherson of Powrie. *Died* November 1675. *Mar.* 8th October 1671, Mary Bruce.
- MACPHERSON, JOHN MORTON.** 18th October 1876.
Apprentice to Thomas Jarron Gordon.—Son of Andrew Macpherson, Feuar at Newmilns, Ayrshire. *Born* 26th May 1845. *Mar.* 27th December 1878, Louisa, youngest daughter of Joseph Davies, Kensington, London.
- MACPHERSON, WILLIAM.** 16th February 1781.
Apprentice to Thomas Cockburn.—Son of James Macpherson, Architect at Dean. *Died* 9th May 1813, unmarried.
- MACQUEEN, HUGH.** 9th March 1814.
Apprentice to Coll Macdonald.—Second son of Donald Macqueen of Corrybrough, Inverness-shire. *Born* 1791. *Died* 11th March 1836, unmarried.
- MACRAE, ANDREW MURISON.** 29th June 1826.
Apprentice to John Morison.—Son of William Gordon Macrae. *Born* 17th August 1800. *Died* at Melbourne 24th July 1847. *Mar.* 25th September 1830, Georgianna Huntly, daughter of — Gordon, Gordon Castle, Banff.
- MACRAE, COLIN GEORGE, OF WELLBANK.** 16th November 1871.
Apprentice to (1) John Anthony Macrae; and (2) John Kennedy.—Son of John Anthony Macrae, W.S. *Born* 30th November 1844. *Mar.* 22d June 1877, Flora Maitland, daughter of John Colquhoun, Author of *The Moor and Loch*.
- MACRAE, HORATIO ROSS, OF CLUNES.** 15th October 1873.
Apprentice to James Mackenzie, J. B. Innes, and John and C. B. Logan.—Son of John Anthony Macrae, W.S. *Born* 5th July 1846. *Mar.* 27th March 1884, Letitia May, fourth daughter of Sir William Maxwell of Cardoness, Bart.
- MACRAE, JOHN ANTHONY, LL.D.** 2d July 1835.
Apprentice to John Bowie and William B. Campbell.—Son of Colin Macrae of Inverinate, Ross-shire. *Born* 1st February 1812. *Died* 23d May 1868. *Mar.* 15th July 1841, Joanna Isabella, youngest daughter of John Maclean of Carriacou, Grenada.
- M'RITCHIE, THOMAS ELDER, OF CRAIGTON AND DENORK.** 4th March 1824.
Apprentice to (1) James Little; and (2) John Murray.—Eldest son of John M'Ritchie of Denork, Fifeshire. *Born* 1800. *Died* 29th December 1878, unmarried.

- MACTAGGART, SCIPIO ALEXANDER.** 19th November 1835.
Apprentice to Walter Dickson and James Steuart.—Son of Daniel Mactaggart, Writer in Campbeltown. *Born* 15th March 1812. *Died* 25th June 1886. *Mar.* 4th November 1851, Katherine, daughter of Colonel Hook, Ceylon Rifles. Sheriff-Clerk of Argyllshire, 1837-86.
- MACTAVISH, DUGALD.** 9th March 1813.
Apprentice to (1) James Ferrier; and (2) John Ferrier.—Eldest son of Lachlan Mactavish of Dunardry. *Born* 1780. *Died* 1855. *Mar.* 30th April 1810, Letitia, only daughter of the Rev. William Lockhart, D.D., Glasgow. Sheriff-Substitute at Campbeltown, 1823-48.
- MAITLAND, AUGUSTUS.** 16th December 1824.
Apprentice to Sir James Gibson-Craig.—Third son of Sir Alexander Charles Gibson Maitland of Clifton Hall, Bart., Mid-Lothian. *Born* 27th March 1800. *Died* 26th January 1855. *Mar.* 1st June 1843, Elizabeth Jane, daughter of the Rev. William Page Richards, D.D.
- MAITLAND, GEORGE RAMSAY.** 18th July 1849.
Apprentice to Augustus Maitland.—Second son of Alexander Gibson Maitland, yr. of Clifton Hall, Advocate. *Born* 19th January 1821. *Died* 24th June 1866. *Mar.* 19th September 1848, Alice Anne, eldest daughter of Josiah Nisbet, of the East India Company's Service.
- MAITLAND, KEITH RAMSAY.** 20th October 1890.
Apprentice to T. D. Brodie.—Son of Colonel Keith Ramsay Maitland, 79th Highlanders. *Born* 13th October 1865.
- MANNERS, ALEXANDER.** 16th November 1819.
Apprentice to, and son of, Thomas Manners, W.S.—*Died* 1856, aged 61. *Mar.* 15th May 1820, Barbara, eldest daughter of Stewart Murray Fullerton of that Ilk.
- MANNERS, THOMAS.** 14th July 1789.
Apprentice to John Tait.—Son of Alexander Manners, Merchant in Edinburgh. *Died* 8th September 1826. *Mar.* 18th August 1791, Juliana, daughter of Archibald Hope. Depute-Clerk of Session, 29th November 1814 till death.
- MANSON, ANDREW.** 27th September 1630.
Apprentice to Robert Lauder.
- MANSON, THOMAS.** 17th March 1797.
Apprentice to David Campbell.—Son of John Manson, Merchant, Tain. *Died* 21st July 1815. *Mar.*
- MARJORIBANKS, ANDREW, OF THAT ILK.** 10th December 1702.
Apprentice to James Hay of Carriber.—Eldest son of Thomas Marjoribanks of that Ilk. *Died* 13th April 1742. *Mar.* 1700, Christian, daughter of James Hay of Carriber, Linlithgowshire. Commissary of Edinburgh.

- MARJORIBANKS, ANDREW, OF THAT ILK.** 20th March 1739.
Apprentice to Archibald Campbell.—Eldest son of Andrew Marjoribanks of that Ilk, W.S. *Died* 20th February 1766. *Mar.* (1) 1744, Mary Chalmers; and (2) February 1755, Jean, daughter of Thomas Boyes, Depute-Clerk of Session.
- MARSHALL, ARCHIBALD.** 2d June 1663.
Apprentice to Hugh Paterson.—*Mar.* Barbara Hamilton.
- MARSHALL, JAMES.** 29th June 1759.
Apprentice to David Spens.—Eldest son of John Marshall, Writer in Strathaven. *Born* 1731. *Died* 23d May 1807. *Mar.* April 1761, Janet, daughter of David Spens, W.S. *Fiscal*, 1796-1807.
- MARSHALL, JOHN.** 7th July 1680.
Apprentice to Andrew Aikman.—*Mar.* Marion Morton.
- MARSHALL, ROBERT.** 6th December 1799.
Apprentice to James Walker.—Eldest son of Robert Marshall, Merchant in Glasgow. *Died* 27th September 1823. *Mar.* 29th October 1819, Jane Cochran, "late wife" of Captain Shirley.
- MARSHALL, ROBERT DOWLING CALDER.** 17th March 1890.
Apprentice to Colin G. Macrae.—Son of John Dalrymple Marshall, Edinburgh. *Born* 25th August 1866.
- MARSHALL, THOMAS ROGER.** 5th October 1873.
Apprentice to Alexander Hamilton and George T. Kinnear.—Son of John Marshall, M.D. *Born* 26th June 1849.
- MARSHALL, WILLIAM, OF CALLANDER.** 1st July 1830.
Apprentice to Robert Macmillan.—Son of William Marshall, Merchant in Edinburgh; and Agnes, sister and co-heiress of George Hunter of Callander. *Born* 4th April 1806. *Died* 18th November 1851. *Mar.* 29th July 1845, Isabella, eldest daughter of Hugh Auld, Cashier of the Commercial Bank of Scotland.
- MARSHALL, WILLIAM HUNTER, OF CALLANDER.** 15th July 1874.
Apprentice to Patrick Blair.—Eldest son of William Marshall of Callander, W.S. *Born* 6th June 1846.
- MARTIN, FRANCIS JOHN.** 19th April 1876.
Apprentice to, and son of, John Martin, W.S.—*Born* 19th March 1853. *Mar.* 14th April 1886, Jessie Agnes Helen, eldest daughter of Robert Barclay, Glasgow.
- MARTIN, JOHN.** 6th March 1834.
Apprentice to Charles James Fox Orr.—Son of Francis Martin of Davieland, Dean of the Faculty of Procurators in Paisley. *Born* 23d July 1811. *Mar.* 22d October 1850, Mary, eldest daughter of Charles James Fox Orr of Thornly Park, Renfrewshire, W.S. *Principal Clerk of Session*, 1880.

- MARTIN, WILLIAM ALEXANDER.** 21st May 1806.
Apprentice to Archibald Swinton.—Eldest son of Peter Martin, Cabinet-Maker in Edinburgh. *Born* 1780. *Died* 26th September 1828. *Mar.* 3d October 1806, Margaret, daughter of John Davie of Gavieside.
- MARWICK, DAVID WILLIAM, LL.B.** 13th July 1885.
Apprentice to Peter Gardner.—Son of Sir James David Marwick, LL.D., Town-Clerk of Glasgow. *Born* 4th July 1860.
- MASTERTON, CHARLES, OF PARKMILL.** February 1709.
Apprentice to Charles Row.—Eldest son of Francis Masterton of Parkmill, Clackmannanshire. *Died* about 1747. *Mar.* Mary, daughter of John Kiery of Gogar, Perthshire. Substitute-Keeper, 1708-9 and 1713-14.
- MATHESON, ALEXANDER.** 14th July 1879.
Apprentice to James Barker Duncan.—Third surviving son of Alexander Matheson, Merchant in Edinburgh. *Born* 15th March 1855.
- MAULE, DAVID.** 27th September 1714.
Sixth son of John Maule, son of George Maule of Cairncorthie. *Died* 20th January 1744. Substitute-Keeper and Clerk, 1713-14.
- MAULE, HARRY.** 4th April 1707.
Apprentice to Robert Innes.—Third son of John Maule, son of George Maule of Cairncorthie. *Died* 4th December 1734. *Mar.* September 1705, Margaret, daughter of Major John Neilson. Deputy-Keeper of the Signet, 1713-14.
- MAULE, JAMES.** 10th March 1789.
Apprentice to William Leslie.—Son of John Maule, Writer in Stonehaven. *Died* 11th April 1805.
- MAWER, WALTER.**
Commissioner, 16th December 1594. Son of William Mawer. *Mar.* Margaret Hervie.
- MAXWELL, GEORGE.** 3d June 1824.
Apprentice to Alexander Hunter.—Son of George Maxwell, Prior's Lynn, Dumfriesshire. *Born* 1797. *Died* 10th December 1879. *Mar.* 16th April 1857, Jane, daughter of Andrew Wishart, Contractor.
- MAXWELL, HAMILTON.** 14th April 1884.
Apprentice to J. R. M'L. Wedderburn and G. G. Watson.—Younger son of Colonel James Maxwell, C.B., of the 1st West India Regiment. *Born* 6th January 1861.
- MAXWELL, JOHN HERRIES, OF MUNCHES.** 27th November 1807.
Apprentice to Hugh Corrie.—Eldest son of Wellwood Maxwell of Barncleugh, Kirkcudbrightshire. *Born* 1783. *Died* 1st March 1843. *Mar.* 1813, Clementina, daughter of William Maxwell, East Blackshaw, Caerlaverock.

MAXWELL, PATRICK.

Apprentice to Andrew Nimmo.

14th September 1631.

MEGGET, THOMAS.Apprentice to James Buchan.—Son of John Megget, Tanner in Edinburgh. *Died* 19th February 1864, aged 82. *Mar.* 4th August 1810, Jane Bell, daughter of the Rev. Thomas Murray, Minister of Channelkirk.

6th December 1804.

MEIK, HENRY HUNTER.Apprentice to James Hope and John Kirk.—Son of Thomas Meik, Civil Engineer, Edinburgh. *Born* 13th August 1860.

13th July 1885.

MEIK, JOHN, OF FORTISSAT.Apprentice to James Home.—Eldest son of William Meik of Fortissat, Lanarkshire. *Died* 20th January 1845, aged 76, unmarried.

9th March 1791.

MEIKLEJOHN, JOHN.Apprentice to Richard Hotchkis and James Tytler.—Only son of William Meiklejohn, Torrie. *Born* 1786. *Died* 29th April 1851. *Mar.* (1) 18th November 1822, Catherine, youngest daughter of Alexander M'Callum, Plewlands; and (2) Marian Hutton. Fiscal to Lyon Court, 1837-51.

7th June 1821.

MEIN, JOHN.Apprentice to Patrick Pitcairn. *Died* 3d January 1729.

19th March 1723.

MELDRUM, DAVID BAYNE.Apprentice to J. M. Melville, J. F. Walker Drummond, and James Lindesay.—Eldest son of Alexander Meldrum of Easter Kincapple, Fifeshire, Advocate. *Born* 7th August 1829.

26th January 1854.

MELVILLE, ARCHIBALD.Apprentice to John Glassford Hopkirk.—Son of Robert Melville, residing in Falkirk. *Born* 2d September 1804. *Died* 21st March 1884. *Mar.* 14th May 1875, Margaret Watson.

30th May 1844.

MELVILLE, DANIEL.*Died* June 1651. *Mar.* 26th December 1615, Beatrix Edmonstone.**MELVILLE, JAMES MONCRIEFF, OF HANLEY.**Apprentice to Walter Dickson.—Son of Dr. Thomas Moncrieff Melville, Physician in St. Andrews. *Born* 28th September 1793. *Died* 28th September 1872. *Mar.* (1) 19th August 1832, Augusta, youngest daughter of Vice-Admiral Lechmere, of Steeple Aston, Oxfordshire; and (2) 18th October 1839, Margaret, third daughter of David Aytoun Lindsay of Wormiston, Fifeshire.

15th May 1817.

MELVILLE, SIR JOHN, KNIGHT.Apprentice to Alexander Manners.—Son of George Melville, residing at Newington, Edinburgh. *Born* 1803. *Died* 5th May 1860. *Mar.* 19th June 1838, Jane, daughter of William Marshall, Edinburgh. Lord Provost of Edinburgh, 1854-59. Knighted, 1859. Crown Agent, 1860.

6th December 1827.

- MENTEATH, ALEXANDER STEUART.** 10th July 1834.
Apprentice to John Donaldson.—Son of Sir Charles Granville Steuart Menteath, Bart., of Closeburn, Dumfriesshire. *Born* 10th March 1809. *Died* 11th August 1885. *Mar.* 5th August 1841, Harriet, youngest daughter of Major-General Patrick Agnew of Lochnaw, and Authoress of several poems.
- MENZIES, ALAN LOCKHART.** 13th April 1886.
Apprentice to Ralph and W. J. Dundas, and G. M. Paul.—Son of William John Menzies, W.S. *Born* 2d April 1861. *Mar.* 10th June 1890, Katherine Helen, youngest daughter of Henry Bruce of Ederline.
- MENZIES, ALEXANDER, OF CHESTHILL.** 25th June 1770.
Apprentice to Robert Menzies.—Eldest son of John Menzies in Culivulin, Rannoch. *Died* suddenly, 9th June 1804. *Mar.* 5th November 1772, Eleanor Hamilton, daughter of James Menzies of Culdares, Perthshire. Principal Clerk of Session, 10th December 1778 till death.
- MENZIES, ALLAN.** 17th December 1829.
Apprentice to Richard Mackenzie and William Sharpe.—Son of the Rev. William Menzies, Minister of Lanark. *Born* 1805. *Died* 13th February 1856. *Mar.* 2d August 1833, Helen, daughter of Alexander Cowan, Moray House, Edinburgh. Professor of Conveyancing in the University of Edinburgh, 1847-56. Author of *Conveyancing according to the Law of Scotland*, 1856, and other legal works.
- MENZIES, ARCHIBALD.** 7th August 1661.
Apprentice to John Semple.
- MENZIES, CHARLES, OF KINMUNDY.** 15th March 1697.
Apprentice to William Dykes.—*Died* August 1764.
- MENZIES, JAMES.** 4th December 1685.
Apprentice to Andrew Young.—*Mar.* Christian Scott.
- MENZIES, JAMES, OF PITNACREE.** 11th June 1829.
Apprentice to John Forman.—Eldest son of Archibald Menzies of Pitnacree, Perthshire. *Died* 3d April 1849, aged 42. *Mar.* July 1833, Maria Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Edward Menzies of Paradise Pen, Kingston, Jamaica.
- MENZIES, ROBERT, OF CULTERALLERS.** 3d August 1742.
Apprentice to James Baillie.—Eldest son of John Menzies, M.D. *Died* 28th August 1769. *Mar.* December 1749, Margaret, daughter of the Rev. John Thomson, Minister of West Liberton.
- MENZIES, ROBERT, OF BOLFRACKS.** 23d November 1795.
Apprentice to John Graeme.—Eldest son of Robert Menzies, Chamberlain to Sir John Menzies of that Ilk. *Died* 22d January 1838, aged 72, unmarried. Depute-Clerk of Session, 19th January 1802 till death.

- MENZIES, WILLIAM, OF RAW.** 6th August 1675.
Apprentice to William Chieslie.—Son of Captain William Menzies of Castlehill, Lanarkshire. *Died* 2d September 1721. Joint Fiscal, 1702-3.
- MENZIES, WILLIAM JOHN.** 25th November 1858.
Apprentice to (1) Allan Menzies; and (2) John Dundas and William Wilson.—Son of Allan Menzies, W.S. *Born* 14th October 1834. *Mar.* (1) 12th July 1859, Helen, daughter of Alexander Adie and widow of James Marshall of Callander; (2) 28th July 1870, Ellen, youngest daughter of William Young and widow of William Tweedie; and (3) 14th October 1879, Annie Percival, eldest daughter of Captain J. A. Drought, Whigsborough, King's County, and widow of T. S. Jones, of the National Bank of India, Bombay.
- MERCER, HUGH SMITH.** 25th June 1790.
Apprentice to John Innes.—Son of Alexander Mercer, Merchant in Edinburgh. *Died* 15th October 1803. *Mar.* (1) Euphemia, daughter of Archibald Nisbet of Carphin; (2) 16th January 1792, Magdalene Wilson of Blackleymill.
- MERCER, ROBERT, OF SCOTSBANK.** 5th July 1821.
Apprentice to William Scott.—Son of James Mercer of Scotsbank, Selkirkshire, Writer in Edinburgh. *Born* 1796. *Died* 3d November 1875. *Mar.* 27th October 1825, Elizabeth Scott, daughter of William Scott Moncrieff of Fossoway, Perthshire.
- MERCER, WILLIAM.** 21st December 1820.
Apprentice to Robert Ainslie.—Son of Hugh Smith Mercer, W.S. *Died* 24th February 1853. *Mar.* 22nd October 1821, Catherine, eldest daughter of Robert Maxwell, Paisley.
- METHUEN, JAMES.** 17th March 1890.
Apprentice to Alexander Paterson Purves.—Eldest son of James Methuen, Merchant, Leith. *Born* 22d May 1862.
- MILLER, ALEXANDER.** 6th December 1827.
Apprentice to Donald Horne.—Son of James Miller, Merchant in Leith. *Born* 1605. *Died* 26th July 1864. *Mar.* (1) 11th April 1828, Margaret, daughter of James Cornwall, Commissioner of Excise; and (2) 10th January 1850, Alexandrina Thompson.
- MILLER, ANDREW.** 5th July 1814.
Apprentice to (1) Richard Lake; (2) John Campbell.—Son of James Miller, Glover in Edinburgh. *Died* 27th January 1831. *Mar.* Grace Hogg. Depute-Clerk of the Bills, 1801-31.
- MILLER, ARCHIBALD.**
Signs the Acts 1594.

- MILLER, ARCHIBALD, OF GLENAVON.** 9th March 1791.
Apprentice to Laurence Hill.—Son of John Miller, Advocate, Professor of Law in the University of Glasgow. *Died* 21st February 1823.
- MILLER, CHARLES HAGART.** 24th November 1831.
Apprentice to (1) David Ramsay; and (2) John Donaldson.—Youngest son of James Miller of Milton. *Born* 16th September 1806. *Died* 4th January 1846, unmarried.
- MILLER, CUTHBERT.**
Died 31st October 1631. *Mar.* 7th February 1622, Margaret Loyes.
- MILLER, GEORGE ANDERSON.** 18th October 1876.
Apprentice to J. M. Lindsay, Alexander Howe, and William Macgillivray.—Son of James Dick Miller, Solicitor in Perth. *Born* 20th September 1853. *Mar.* 21st June 1888, Margaret Barclay, elder daughter of Isaac Wallace, M.D., Perth.
- MILLER, HUGH.** 15th July 1889.
Apprentice to Sir J. Gillespie and Thomas Paterson.—Son of John Miller, Glenluce. *Born* 23d June 1867.
- MILLER, JOHN ALEXANDER STEVENSON.** 16th July 1888.
Apprentice to George Dunlop.—Son of John Miller, Edinburgh. *Born* 20th October 1854. *Mar.* 10th September 1878, Dora, second daughter of Thomas Shillinglaw, Chief Clerk, Crown Office, Edinburgh.
- MILLER, JOHN CHARLES STRETTELL.** 18th January 1886.
Apprentice to Hugh Auld and James Macdonald.—Son of Captain John Miller of the P. and O. Service. *Born* 22d February 1858. *Mar.* 5th June 1890, Anna Eliza, elder daughter of William Dent Robinson of Temple Sowerby, Westmoreland.
- MILLER, JOHN.** 18th July 1634.
Apprentice to Robert Kirkwod.—*Died* 1645.
- MILLER, JOHN, OF STEWARTFIELD.** 4th March 1816.
Apprentice to Hugh Warrender.—Third son of Sir William Miller of Glenlee, Bart. *Born* 28th December 1789. *Died* 24th September 1863. *Mar.* 15th March 1828, Mary, eldest daughter of Nicolas Sutherland.
- MILLER, ROBERT SCHAW.** 16th January 1888.
Apprentice to Charles Morton and John Neilson.—Son of Robert Schaw Miller, sometime residing in Alloa, afterwards in Montreal, Canada. *Born* 3d March 1863. *Mar.* 29th August 1889, Jane Caroline, only daughter of Alexander Grant, Hamilton.
- MILLER, WILLIAM, OF GLENLEE AND BARSKIMMING.** 15th July 1719.
Apprentice to Robert Wallace of Holmston.—Second son of Mathew Miller of Glenlee, Kirkcudbrightshire. *Died* 16th September 1753. *Mar.* Janet, eldest daughter of Thomas Hamilton. Father of Sir Thomas Miller, Lord President.

MILLIE, JOHN.

27th February 1823.

Apprentice to John Forman.—Youngest son of John Millie of Bridgend. *Died* 1849, aged 54, unmarried.

MILLIGAN, JOHN.

25th March 1869.

Apprentice to Alexander Forsyth Adam.—Son of James Milligan, S.S.C., Assistant Clerk and Extractor of the Signet. *Born* 13th October 1846. *Mar.* 8th September 1880, Mary, eldest surviving daughter of Alexander Waugh, Solicitor, Newton-Stewart. Assistant Clerk and Extractor, 1876-85. Substitute-Keeper of the Signet, 19th August 1885.

MILN, ALEXANDER HAY, OF WOODHILL.

10th June 1841.

Apprentice to Andrew Storie.—Eldest son of James Miln of Woodhill. *Born* 19th July 1817. *Died* 5th February 1877. *Mar.* 15th September 1859, Sarah Isabella, eldest daughter of James Mackintosh of Lamancha, Peeblesshire.

MILN, CHARLES.

4th January 1699.

Apprentice to William Dykes.—*Died* 4th May 1750. *Mar.* January 1736, Helen, daughter of Alexander Nisbet, Farmer, Oldhamstocks.

MILN, ARCHIBALD, OF CHAPELTOWN.

21st June 1787.

Apprentice to Lachlan Duff.—Elder son of Alexander Milne of Chapeltown, Elginshire. *Died* 2d October 1812.

MILNES, KEITH.

28th January 1799.

Apprentice to George Robinson.—Eldest son of the Rev. James Milnes, Minister of Sandwich, Kent. *Died* 21st August 1857.

MILROY, ANDREW.

21st December 1832.

Apprentice to Walter Cook.—Eldest son of Andrew Milroy, Jeweller in Edinburgh. *Born* 6th May 1803. *Died* 25th July 1867. *Mar.* 1st November 1842, Susannah, second daughter of Joseph Nixon, Edinburgh. Manager of the Bank of British North America at St. John's, Newfoundland.

MIRTLE, JOHN, OF GRACEMOUNT.

25th June 1829.

Apprentice to Charles and Andrew Tawse.—Eldest son of William Mirtle at Boon, Berwickshire. *Born* 1803. *Died* 9th February 1835, unmarried.

MITCHELL, ALEXANDER, OF CRAIGEND.

3d March 1712.

Apprentice to Charles Bell.—Son of John Mitchell of Craigend, Stirlingshire. *Born* about 1678. *Died* December 1738. *Mar.* 24th April 1713, Alison, daughter of Alexander Livingstone of Parkhall, Stirlingshire.

MITCHELL, ALEXANDER.

16th July 1858.

Apprentice to Graham Binny.—Son of Alexander Mitchell of the Exchequer, Edinburgh. *Born* August 1833.

- MITCHELL, DAVID. 11th December 1810.
Apprentice to John Graeme.—Son of Thomas Mitchell, Tailor on the estate of Airlie. *Died* 1st August 1815.
- MITCHELL, JAMES LAIDLAW. 7th July 1820.
Apprentice to James Laidlaw.—Son of John Mitchell, Merchant in Edinburgh. *Died* 18th October 1852, aged 62, unmarried.
- MITCHELL, JOSEPH. 26th May 1825.
Apprentice to William Fraser.—Son of Joseph Mitchell, Farmer at Whitestanes, Dumfriesshire. *Died* 22d April 1858, aged 56, unmarried.
- MITCHELL, WILLIAM. 28th October 1889.
Apprentice to Charles Baxter.—Son of William Mitchell, S.S.C. *Born* 16th July 1863.
- MITCHELSON, SAMUEL. 12th March 1736.
Apprentice to Alexander Stevenson of Montgreenan.—Third son of John Mitchelson of Middleton, Mid-Lothian, Advocate. *Died* 21st January 1788. *Mar.* October 1753, Jean, daughter of John Oliver of Dinleybyre, Roxburghshire. Fiscal, 1754-55; Treasurer, 1755-88.
- MITCHELSON, SAMUEL, OF CLERMISTON. 16th December 1760.
Apprentice to Samuel Mitchelson.—Son of James Mitchelson, Jeweller in Edinburgh. *Died* 8th December 1793. *Mar.* March 1763, Katherine, daughter of Alexander Birnie of Broomhall, Lanarkshire. Principal Clerk of Session, 16th June 1789, till death.
- MOIR, JOHN, OF HILLFOOT. 20th June 1769.
Apprentice to David Campbell.—Only son of James Moir, Writer in Stirling. *Died* November 1802. *Mar.* Elizabeth, daughter of the Rev. Daniel Macqueen, Minister of St. Giles', Edinburgh.
- MOIR, JOHN, OF HILLFOOT. 17th March 1797.
Apprentice to, and son of, John Moir, W.S.—*Born* 1769. *Died* through bursting a blood-vessel, 22d December 1804. *Mar.* Mary Bell Gray.
- MOIR, ROBERT. 17th May 1799.
Apprentice to David Balfour.—Fourth son of John Moir, Merchant in Edinburgh. *Born* 1769. *Died* 17th August 1805.
- MOLLE OR MOW, WILLIAM, OF MAINS. 7th March 1788.
Apprentice to Thomas Cockburn.—Second son of John Mow of Mains, Berwickshire. *Born* 1765. *Died* 20th March 1840. *Mar.* Agnes Adam, niece of William Preston of Gortan. Assumed name of Molle, 1789.

MONCREIFF, HENRY.

8th June 1804.

Apprentice to Alexander Duncan.—Third son of Rev. Sir Henry Moncreiff Wellwood, Bart., of Tullibole, Kinross-shire. *Died* 16th April 1817. *Mar.* 31st July 1809, Charlotte, daughter of Hugh James Paterson Rollo of Bannockburn.

MONCREIFF, HON. JAMES WILLIAM.

30th March 1871.

Apprentice to John M. Lindsay and Alexander Howe.—Third son of the Right Hon. James, Baron Moncreiff of Tullibole, Lord Justice-Clerk. *Born* 16th September 1845. *Mar.* 19th March 1872, Mary Lillias, eldest daughter of George Mitchell Innes of Bangour, Linlithgowshire. Substitute-Keeper of the Signet, 1876-1885.

MONCREIFF, JOHN, OF MORNEPEA.

11th December 1690.

Apprentice to John Bayne of Pitcarlie.—*Died* July 1697. *Mar.* Jean Leslie.

MONCRIEFF, ALEXANDER.

11th July 1837.

Apprentice to John Ker and Henry G. Dickson.—Eldest son of Robert Hope Moncrieff, Writer in Perth. *Born* 15th June 1815. *Died* 15th March 1886. *Mar.* 15th November 1843, Euphemia Dick, daughter of General Cunningham of Newton, Perthshire.

MONCRIEFF, DAVID SCOTT.

16th December 1854.

Apprentice to John Gibson, Junr.—Fourth son of Robert Scott Moncrieff of Fossoway, Perthshire. *Born* 13th June 1829. *Mar.* (1) 8th August 1860, Elizabeth, daughter of Robert Sym Wilson, W.S., a brother of Professor John Wilson; and (2) 22d October 1872, Margaret Fisher, daughter of George William Campbell, M.D., of Peaton, Dumbartonshire, Professor of Surgery, Makgill College, Montreal.

MONCRIEFF, ROBERT HOPE.

14th March 1872.

Apprentice to Thomas Graham Murray.—Son of Alexander Moncrieff, W.S. *Born* 23d November 1849. *Mar.* 12th October 1886, Margaret, daughter of Rev. John Anderson, D.D., Minister of Kinnoull.

MONCRIEFF, ROBERT SCOTT.

15th July 1886.

Apprentice to D. S. Moncrieff and John A. Trail.—Son of David Scott Moncrieff, W.S. *Born* 11th April 1862.

MONILAWS, ALEXANDER GEORGE.

14th November 1851.

Apprentice to Alexander and Christopher Douglas.—Eldest son of the Rev. James Monilaws, Minister of Annan. *Born* 1st April 1828. *Died* 15th February 1858, unmarried.

MONRO, DAVID, OF ALLAN.

18th July 1731.

Apprentice to John Steuart.—Son of David Monro of Allan, Ross-shire. *Died* 6th December 1767, unmarried.

- MONRO, HECTOR.** 26th May 1864.
Apprentice to George Greig.—Son of James Monro, Writer in Kinross. *Born* 21st March 1839. *Mar.* June 1873, Isabella Simpson, widow of Robert Baird of Limerigg.
- MONRO, HUGH.** 20th November 1671.
Apprentice to James Peter.—*Died* before 1692.
- MONRO, JOHN.** 29th December 1683.
Apprentice to (1) James Carnegie; and (2) Alexander Ord.—*Mar.* (1) 18th April 1672, Margaret Clunas; and (2) Susan Leirmont.
- MONTGOMERIE, JOHN, OF WRAE.** 23d December 1687.
Apprentice to John Muir.—Fifth son of George Montgomerie of Broomlands. *Died* 11th March 1725, aged 62. *Mar.* (1) 2d February 1689, Penelope Barclay; and (2) September 1696, Janet, daughter of Thomas Gray, Merchant, Edinburgh. M.P. Linlithgowshire, 1704-7.
- MONTGOMERY, WILLIAM.** 10th March 1806.
Apprentice to Alexander Blair.—Second son of William Montgomery, Wigmaker in Edinburgh. *Died* 22d September 1809.
- MONTGOMERY, WILLIAM.** 19th February 1852.
Apprentice to Walter Jollie.—Third son of Robert Montgomery, Barrister-at-Law, residing in Edinburgh. *Born* 20th March 1822. *Died* 2d March 1888. *Mar.* 21st August 1860, Elizabeth Maxwell, daughter of Colin Macechran of Oatfield, Argyllshire. Clerk to the Admission of Notaries, 1869-88.
- MONYPENNY, ALEXANDER.** 18th May 1801.
Apprentice to Colin Mackenzie.—Fourth son of Lieutenant-Colonel Alexander Monypenny of Pitmilly, Fifeshire. *Born* 23d March 1778. *Died* 15th June 1844. Depute-Clerk to Admission of Notaries, 1814-32.
- MOODIE, STUART.** 28th June 1787.
Apprentice to William Dick.—Son of John Moodie, Merchant in London. *Died* 7th April 1827. Admitted Advocate 26th January 1793.
- MORE, GEORGE.**
See GORDON, GEORGE MORE.
- MORESONE, HENRY.** 16th August 1671.
Apprentice to James Allan.—Eldest son of John Moresone, Merchant Burgess, Edinburgh. *Died* 1674. *Mar.* Agnes Wilkie.
- MORISON, JOHN, OF HETLAND.** 14th June 1791.
Apprentice to John Taylor.—Son of Andrew Morison, Writer in Edinburgh. *Born* 1769. *Died* 5th May 1837. *Mar.* 20th August 1796, Jane, daughter of Robert Farquhar of Newhall.

MORRISON, NAESMYTH.

16th June 1818.

Apprentice to David Wemyss.—Son of David Morrison, Major in the Service of the Hon. East India Company. *Died* at Hyderabad 10th December 1846, aged 53, unmarried. Afterwards Captain H.E.I.C.S.

MORTHLAND, MATTHEW, OF RINDMUIR.

30th June 1741.

Apprentice to William Miller.—Son of Charles Morthland, Professor of Oriental Languages in the University of Glasgow. *Died* 15th October 1787, aged 74.

MORTON, CHARLES.

8th July 1828.

Apprentice to James Greig.—Eldest son of Samuel Morton, Agricultural Implement Maker, Edinburgh. *Born* 21st January 1806. *Mar.* 7th August 1834, Isabella, daughter of James Harvey, Grandholm, Aberdeen. Crown Agent, June and July 1866, 1868-74, 1880-83.

MORTON, WILLIAM.

18th October 1886.

Apprentice to Henry Cairns.—Son of Alexander Morton, Banker, Edinburgh. *Born* 14th September 1851. *Mar.* 2d July 1889, Jessie, daughter of Thomas Struthers, Edinburgh.

MOSMAN, HUGH.

15th July 1885.

Apprentice to F. Pitman, A. B. Macallan, J. R. Anderson, and W. H. Murray.—Son of Hugh Mosman of Auchtyfardle, Lanarkshire. *Born* 27th October 1860.

MOSSMAN, RICHARD.

Mentioned 1st August 1633.

MOUNSEY, JOHN LITTLE.

8th October 1883.

Apprentice to Thomas Dawson Brodie.—Son of Archibald Campbell Mounsey, Rector of the Grammar School, Jedburgh. *Born* 30th October 1852. *Mar.* 21st June 1881, Margaret, eldest daughter of John Jackson, of Solway Bank, Annan.

MOWAT, JAMES, OF FAWSIDE.*Mar.* 29th October 1611, Margaret Rollock.**MOWBRAY, JOHN, OF HARWOOD.**

30th November 1792.

Apprentice to William Campbell of Crawfordton.—Second son of Robert Mowbray, Merchant in Edinburgh. *Born* 1768. *Died* 19th September 1838. *Mar.* (1) 7th April 1801, Elizabeth, daughter of John Scougall, Merchant in Leith; and (2) 26th June 1807, Patricia Hodge of Awalla.

MOWBRAY, JOHN THOMSON, LL.D.

8th March 1832.

Apprentice to John Mowbray.—Son of Robert Mowbray, Merchant in Leith. *Born* 12th May 1808. Treasurer, 1882. Author of *An Analysis of the Conveyancing (Scotland) Act*, 1874, and other legal works.

MOYSIE, DAVID.

Suspended, until he shall obtain a proper admission, 22d November 1609. Probably Author of *Memoirs* published by Bannatyne Club.

MUDIE, JOHN.

Mentioned 1630. *Died* 1648. *Mar.* Marion Riddell.

MUIR, ANDREW GRAY.

12th July 1887.

Apprentice to Thomas Jarron Gordon.—Son of George Watson Muir, Kirkhouse, Traquair. *Born* 27th January 1865.

MUIR, GEORGE, OF CASSENCARRIE.

7th January 1756.

Apprentice to John Davidson of Stewartfield.—Son of William Muir of Cassencarrie, Kirkcudbrightshire. *Died* 3d September 1783. *Mar.* 20th April 1762, Margaret, daughter of Alexander Mackenzie of Delvine, Perthshire. Principal Clerk of Justiciary.

MUIR, JOHN.

See CHALMER, JOHN MUIR.

MUIRHEAD, CHARLES HERRIES, OF LOGAN.

23d June 1807.

Apprentice to Alexander Young of Harburn.—Son of the Rev. James Muirhead, D.D., Minister of Urr. *Died* 6th February 1823.

MUIRHEAD, DAVID.

Signs Minute, 1606. *Died* January 1614.

MUNDELL, ALEXANDER.

8th July 1790.

Apprentice to Laurence Hill.—Son of Robert Mundell, Painter in Edinburgh. *Born* 1769. *Died* 19th March 1837. *Mar.* Susanna, second daughter of Samuel Champneys of Bradmire, Hertfordshire.

MURDOCH, ARCHIBALD BURN.

18th July 1861.

Apprentice to Thomas Graham Murray.—Son of John Burn Murdoch of Gartincaber, Perthshire. *Born* 10th December 1836. *Mar.* 4th November 1874, Mary Harriet Burn, only daughter of William Burn Callander of Prestonhall, Mid-Lothian.

MURDOCH, JAMES FERGUSON.

12th November 1835.

Apprentice to John Mackenzie Lindsay.—Eldest son of Alexander Murdoch, Procurator-Fiscal of Ayrshire. *Born* 5th November 1812. *Died* 6th October 1874. *Mar.* 24th August 1841, Ann Cuninghame, daughter of Rev. Robert Douglas, Minister of Kilbarchan. Procurator-Fiscal of Ayrshire, 30th January 1843.

MURE, JOHN, OF NETHER SCHEILLS.

11th April 1661.

Apprentice to Alexander Douglas.—*Died* 2d February 1686. *Mar.* Catherine Mowbray.

MURRAY, ANDREW.

13th February 1845.

Apprentice to George Dalziel.—Son of Patrick Murray, Writer in Glasgow. *Born* 11th October 1823. *Died* 23d August 1869. *Mar.* 8th June 1849, Mina Maria, third daughter of James Balfour, Edinburgh. Crown Agent, 1860-66.

- MURRAY, ANDREW, OF CONLAND.** 15th June 1837.
Apprentice to, and eldest son of, William Murray of Conland, W.S.—*Born* 19th February 1812. *Died* 11th January 1878. *Mar.* 4th September 1858, Jane Rogers.
- MURRAY, ANTHONY, OF DOLLERIE.** 26th May 1825.
Apprentice to (1) Hay Donaldson; and (2) John Gibson, Jun.—Eldest son of Anthony Murray, of Dollerie, Perthshire. *Born* 1802. *Died* 16th September 1884. *Mar.* 19th October 1829, Georgina, daughter of Sir Patrick Murray of Ochertyre, Bart.
- MURRAY, DAVID.** 3d July 1792.
Apprentice to Robert Trotter.—Son of David Murray, D.C.S., Writer in Edinburgh. *Died* 4th March 1845.
- MURRAY, GEORGE JOHN.** 18th December 1856.
Apprentice to Andrew Murray, Jun.—Son of William Murray, Banker in Tain. *Born* 13th September 1832. *Died* 1869, unmarried.
- MURRAY, HENRY MONTAGUE SCOTT.** 22d June 1826.
Apprentice to William Young Herries.—Third son of John Murray of Tundergarth, Dumfriesshire. *Died* 1844, aged 41, unmarried.
- MURRAY, JAMES.** 1st February 1630.
Apprentice to Robert Alexander.—*Died* 2d March 1632.
- MURRAY, JAMES CHARLES.** 25th May 1848.
Apprentice to Donald Horne.—Son of David Murray, Comptroller of Excise for Scotland, afterwards Accountant in Edinburgh. *Born* 17th January 1816. *Died* 22d January 1878, unmarried.
- MURRAY, JAMES THOMAS.** 1st July 1822.
Apprentice to David Murray.—Son of James Murray, Solicitor-at-Law. *Born* 1800. *Died* 22d January 1857. *Mar.* 21st July 1829, Mary, daughter of William Goddard, Merchant, Leith.
- MURRAY, JOHN.** 21st May 1806.
Apprentice to John Dundas.—Eldest son of William Murray, Agent for the Church. *Born* 1782. *Died* 13th September 1836. *Mar.* 24th August 1818, Ann Jane, youngest daughter of James Borland, Glasgow. Agent for the Church.
- MURRAY, JOHN, OF WOOLAW.** 23d June 1853.
Apprentice to John Scott and Sir John Gillespie.—Eldest son of Andrew Murray, Junior, Advocate. *Born* 28th July 1829. *Mar.* 25th February 1867, Elizabeth, daughter of William Robertson.
- MURRAY, PATRICK.** 23d January 1703.
Died 1st May 1728. *Mar.* 2d June 1709, Jean, daughter of Alexander Simson, Litster, Edinburgh, widow of John Prophet, Wine Merchant at Holyroodhouse.

- MURRAY, PATRICK. 15th October 1873.
Apprentice to (1) Andrew Murray, Jun. ; and (2) Donald Beith.—Son of Andrew Murray, Jun., W.S. *Born* 29th May 1850. *Mar.* 5th July 1877, Agnes Evelyn, youngest daughter of Rev. John Congreve, Rector of Tooting Graveney, Surrey.
- MURRAY, ROBERT. 21st October 1673.
Apprentice to William Thomson.—Eldest son of John Murray, Merchant Burgess of Edinburgh. *Died* December 1676. *Mar.* Marion Pollock.
- MURRAY, THOMAS GRAHAM, OF STENTON, LL.D. 22d November 1838.
Apprentice to Adam Gib Ellis and Robert Ellis.—Son of Andrew Murray of Murrayshall, Perthshire, Advocate. *Born* 24th November 1816. *Mar.* 19th December 1848, Caroline, daughter of John Tod of Kirkhill. Crown Agent, 1866-68.
- MURRAY, THOMAS MIDDLETON. 20th October 1884.
Apprentice to D. Beith, A. Forrester, P. Murray, and R. D. Beith.—Second son of Kenneth Murray of Geanies, Ross-shire. *Born* 27th March 1860. *Mar.* 8th June 1887, Caroline, daughter of Walter Ross Macdonald, Barrister, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.
- MURRAY, WILLIAM. 12th January 1706.
Apprentice to Alexander Glass.—*Died* 1758.
- MURRAY, WILLIAM, OF CONLAND. 23d February 1816.
Apprentice to Thomas Megget.—Son of Andrew Murray of Conland, Fifeshire. *Born* 1793. *Died* 25th October 1848. *Mar.*
- MURRAY, WILLIAM CLEGHORN. 17th November 1864.
Apprentice to John Anthony Macrae.—Only son of John Murray, S.S.C. *Born* 4th October 1837.
- MURRAY, WILLIAM HUGH. 14th November 1872.
Apprentice to Frederick Pitman.—Son of William Murray, S.S.C. *Born* 5th March 1850.
- MYLNE, JAMES. 20th February 1834.
Apprentice to Alexander Pearson.—Son of George Mylne, Manager of Edinburgh Life Assurance Company. *Born* 25th March 1807. *Died* 3d December 1879. *Mar.* 16th July 1839, Emelia Elizabeth, second daughter of William Roberts, Banker, Glasgow.
- MYLNE, JAMES. 29th June 1871.
Apprentice to John M. Lindsay and Alexander Howe.—Third son of James Mylne, W.S. *Born* 8th April 1846. *Mar.* 5th November 1877, Jane Ramsay, second daughter of William Ramsay Kermack, W.S.

MYLNE, JOHN MILLAR.

11th December 1828.

Apprentice to George Dunlop.—Son of James Mylne, Professor of Moral Philosophy in the University of Glasgow. *Died* 30th January 1880. *Mar.* 28th January 1843, Margaret, daughter of Dr. John Thomson.

NAIRNE, CHARLES.

29th May 1819.

Apprentice to James Nairne, his brother.—Youngest son of the Rev. James Nairne of Claremont, D.D., Minister of Pittenweem. *Born* 23d December 1794. *Died* 20th January 1837. *Mar.* 20th September 1820, Amelia Forbes, daughter of the Rev. Andrew Bell of Kilduncan, Minister of Crail.

NAIRNE, JAMES, OF CLAREMONT.

8th June 1804.

Apprentice to Edward Bruce.—Second son of the Rev. James Nairne of Claremont, D.D., Minister of Pittenweem. *Born* 29th August 1782. *Died* 20th October 1847. *Mar.* 9th April 1807, Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Dr. John Hill of Brownhills, Fifeshire, Professor of Humanity in the University of Edinburgh. Fiscal, 1824-44.

NAIRNE, JAMES.

16th November 1843.

Apprentice to James Nairne.—Eldest son of Charles Nairne, W.S. *Born* 8th August 1821. *Died* 26th March 1866, unmarried. Secretary of North British Railway, 1852-66.

NAPIER, ALEXANDER JOHN.

8th July 1847.

Apprentice to (1) Richard Campbell; and (2) John Mackenzie Lindsay.—Youngest son of George Napier of Dales, Linlithgowshire, S.S.C. *Born* 7th November 1824. *Mar.* 18th October 1867, Elizabeth Isabella, daughter of David Stevenson, C.E., Edinburgh.

NAPIER, FRANCIS.

10th July 1794.

Apprentice to Alexander Duncan.—Eldest son of the Hon. Mark Napier, Colonel, 32nd Foot. *Born* 20th August 1770. *Died* 11th June 1818. *Mar.* 30th March 1796, Mary Elizabeth Jane Douglas, eldest daughter of Colonel Archibald Hamilton of Innerwick, Haddingtonshire. Collector of Widows' Fund, 1805-18.

NAPIER, MACVEY.

6th December 1799.

Apprentice to John Campbell of Annfield.—Eldest son of John Macvey of Braes, Dumbartonshire. *Born* 12th April 1776. *Died* 11th February 1847. Librarian to the Society, 9th December 1805 to 21st June 1837. Professor of Conveyancing, 1816-47. Principal Clerk of Session, 12th May 1837 till death. Editor of *Edinburgh Review*, 1829, and of the *Encyclopædia Britannica* (seventh edition). Author of *Lord Bacon and Sir Walter Raleigh*, 1853, and other works.

NAPIER, WILLIAM.

4th March 1824.

Apprentice to (1) Francis Napier; and (2) David Cleghorn.—Eldest son of George Napier of Dales, Linlithgowshire, S.S.C. *Born* 1801. *Died* 17th June 1849. *Mar.* 28th April 1828, Mary, eldest daughter of Alexander Low, Aberdeen.

- NASMYTH, MICHAEL.** 19th December 1767.
Apprentice to James Hay of Cocklaw.—Only son of Bailie Michael Nasmyth, Schoolmaster in Lochwinnoch, Renfrewshire. *Died* November 1777.
- NEAVES, WILLIAM.** 7th March 1833.
Apprentice to Alexander Pearson.—Son of Charles Neaves, Writer in Edinburgh. *Born* 15th February 1810. *Died* at Demerara 18th December 1841, unmarried.
- NEILL, ROBERT.** 4th December 1655.
Mar. 25th January 1644, Isobel Measlet. *Died* before 1667.
- NEILSON, JOHN.** 18th November 1861.
Apprentice to George Greig.—Eldest son of Alexander Neilson, Writer in Port-Glasgow. *Born* 19th November 1836. *Mar.* 1st August 1867, Elizabeth Maxton, youngest daughter of John Barr Cumming of Lloyd's, Greenock.
- NEILSON, STUART.** 21st November 1850.
Apprentice to John Irving.—Son of James Neilson of Millbank. *Born* 10th December 1809. *Died* 10th May 1886, unmarried.
- NEILSON, WILLIAM.** 12th December 1627.
Servitor to Thomas Cutts. Admitted in his place. *Mar.* Marion Cunyngham.
- NEISCHE, WALTER, OF WESTER DUBHEADS.**
Son of Walter Neische of Wester Dubheads; retoured heir to his father 13th December 1637.
- NEWALL, MARTIN.**
Died about 1629.
- NEWBIGGING, JOHN STEUART.** 26th June 1832.
Apprentice to Walter Dickson.—Son of Sir William Newbigging, Surgeon in Edinburgh. *Born* 20th January 1809. *Died* 25th October 1849. *Mar.* 30th June 1840, Elizabeth, daughter of James Flamyng, Killiechassie, Perthshire. Sheriff-Clerk of Roxburghshire, 1841-49.
- NEWLANDIS, ROBERT.**
Signs Minute of 17th January 1606.
- NEWTON, JAMES, OF CASTLANDHILL.** 23d November 1819.
Apprentice to Craufurd Tait.—Eldest son of James Newton, Baker in Edinburgh. *Died* 18th June 1861, aged 65, unmarried.
- NEWTON, WILLIAM WARING HAY, OF NEWTON.** 24th May 1821.
Apprentice to William Mackenzie.—Second son of William Hay Newton of Newton, Mid-Lothian. *Born* 20th September 1795. *Died* 15th May 1860. *Mar.* (1) 19th June 1821, Jane Frances, only child of Thomas Gregson of Blackburn; and (2) 15th February 1844, Jane, daughter of James Clerk Rattray of Craighall, Perthshire, Advocate.

- NIBLIE, ARCHIBALD. 5th August 1777.
Apprentice to Walter Ross.—Son of Archibald Niblie, Tenant in Elphinstone.
Died 21st March 1779. *Mar.* October 1776, Margaret, only daughter of John Rannie of Myles.
- NICOLL, HENRY. 3d January 1683.
Apprentice to James Cheyne.—*Died* December 1704. *Mar.* Christian Leishman.
- NICOLL, JOHN. 19th November 1609.
Apprentice to David Anderson.—*Died* February 1668. *Mar.* 21st October 1606, Bessie Thomson. Clerk to Society, 1647-54. His *Diary of Public Transactions* (1650-67) published by Bannatyne Club. Re-admitted 21st November 1661.
- NICOLL, JOHN. 13th April 1650.
Son of John Nicoll, W.S. *Died* before 1685.
- NICOLSON, ROBERT.
Died about 1628.
- NIMMO, ANDREW.
Signs the Acts, 26th December 1627. *Died* 27th September 1647.
- NIMMO, JOHN. 8th March 1802.
Apprentice to H. M'D. Buchanan.—Eldest son of Peter Nimmo, Brewer in Edinburgh. *Died* 1812. *Mar.* Margaret Nimmo.
- NISBET, ARCHIBALD, OF CARFIN. 16th July 1661.
Apprentice to Robert Hamilton.—Son of James Nisbet of Ladytoun. *Died* July 1695. *Mar.* (1) Euphan Scroggie; and (2) Jean Baillie.
- NISBET, CHRISTOPHER CHARLES, OF STOBSHIEL. 21st October 1874.
Apprentice to John Wardrobe Tawse, his uncle.—Son of the Rev. Robert Nisbet, D.D., Minister of West St. Giles, Edinburgh. *Born* 31st August 1851.
- NISBET, JOHN, OF NISBETFIELD. 26th July 1693.
Apprentice to Thomas Gordon.—*Died* 1716. *Mar.* Agnes Riddell, sister of William Riddell, portioner of Bewlie, Roxburghshire.
- NIVEN, ROBERT WILLIAM. 1st July 1819.
Apprentice to David Ramsay.—Eldest son of the Rev. Alexander Niven, Minister of Dunkeld. *Born* 1793. *Died* 1st December 1832. *Mar.* 11th March 1817, only daughter of Robert Brown, Westmoreland, Jamaica.
- NORIE, HENRY HAY. 9th February 1860.
Apprentice to Walter Jollie.—Son of Evelyn Thomas Francis Norie, Commander, R.N., residing in Elgin. *Born* 8th June 1837. *Mar.* 8th September 1864, Christina, second daughter of James Moir, Banker, Alloa. Manager of Union Bank of Scotland, Edinburgh, 1881.

- OGILL, GEORGE. 6th March 1650.
- OGILVY, DAVID. 26th June 1832.
Apprentice to Robert M'Millan.—Son of David Ogilvy, Painter in Edinburgh.
Born 14th January 1805. *Died* 17th July 1871. *Mar.* 9th September 1841,
Elizabeth Aitchison, daughter of James Williamson of Trinity. Latterly a
Solicitor in Melbourne.
- OGILVIE, ROBERT GAVIN. 20th November 1818.
Apprentice to Hugh Warrender.—Second son of Adam Ogilvie of Hartwoodmyres,
Advocate. *Born* 1793. *Died* 14th July 1879, unmarried.
- OGILVIE, WILLIAM ALEXANDER. 19th July 1879.
Apprentice to Robert Burt Ranken.—Son of William Ogilvie, M.A., residing at
Dyke, near Forres. *Born* 24th January 1851. *Died* 17th March 1884, unmarried.
- OLIPHANT, ÆNEAS, OF BALGONIE. 4th April 1707.
Apprentice to James Menzies.—*Died* 23d February 1716.
- OLIPHANT, CHARLES. 4th December 1794.
Apprentice to William Balderston.—Son of Charles Oliphant, Merchant in Edin-
burgh. *Born* 1771. *Died* 28th October 1852. *Mar.* 2d July 1830, Eleanor,
daughter of Sir James Campbell of Aberuchill, Bart., and widow of Dr. John
Barclay.
- OLIPHANT, HARRY.
Mar. 11th August 1614, Sara Colvin.
- OLIPHANT, LAURENCE. 23d February 1680.
Apprentice to William Lockhart.—Son of Laurence Oliphant of Orchardmilne.
Died September 1690. *Mar.* Margaret Hepburn. Clerk to the Admission of
Notaries.
- OLIPHANT, ROBERT, OF ROSSIE. 14th November 1833.
Apprentice to Æneas Macbean.—Eldest son of Lieutenant-Colonel James Stewart
Oliphant of Rossie, Perthshire. *Born* 23d February 1810. *Died* 14th November
1872. *Mar.* 20th March 1836, Susan Mary Elizabeth, only child of Thomas Tod,
Judge of the Commissary Court.
- ORD, ALEXANDER. 4th June 1674.
Apprentice to Richard Guthrie.—*Died* before 1695. *Mar.* 28th August 1679,
Agnes Gordon.
- ORME, ALEXANDER, OF MUGDRUM. 3d February 1755.
Apprentice to Archibald Stuart.—Eldest son of Alexander Orme of Balvaird,
Writer in Edinburgh. *Died* 8th January 1789. *Mar.* Helen Sinclair. Principal
Clerk of Session, 14th November 1777 till death.

- ORR, ALEXANDER, OF WATERSIDE. 3d February 1755.
 Apprentice to Robert Dalrymple.—Son of Mr. Alexander Orr, Minister of Hod-
 dam. *Died* 27th November 1774. *Mar.* July 1761, Elizabeth, daughter of
 Ludovick Cant of Thurston, East-Lothian.
- ORR, CHARLES JAMES FOX, OF THORNLAY PARK. 14th June 1814.
 Apprentice to Robert Hill.—Son of James Orr of Thornlay Park, Renfrewshire.
Died 8th February 1849. *Mar.* 15th October 1816, Elizabeth, youngest daughter
 of Robert Orr, Paisley.
- ORR, PATRICK. 12th August 1799.
 Apprentice to William Macfarlane.—Second son of Patrick Orr of Bridgeton,
 Kincardineshire. *Died* 19th July 1848. *Mar.* 25th December 1814, Margaret
 Caroline, second daughter of Major Martin Lindsay, younger of Kilconquhar,
 Fifeshire. Sheriff-Clerk of Forfarshire, 1812-48.
- OSBURN, HARRY.
 Commissioner, 1631. *Died* 22d May 1655. *Mar.* (2) Alison Flemyng.
- OSWALD, ROGER. 7th June 1705.
 Apprentice to Thomas Aikman.—*Died* 9th June 1629, aged 50. *Mar.* Helen
 Sydserrf.
- OSWALD, WILLIAM.
 Signs the Acts 26th December 1627.
- PAGAN, ROBERT OSBORNE. 16th July 1888.
 Apprentice to James H. Jameson.—Only son of George Hair Pagan, Sheriff-Clerk
 of Fifeshire, Cupar. *Born* 17th October 1865. *Mar.* 9th October 1890, Emy,
 eldest daughter of Professor Hill, Glasgow University.
- PAIP, JOHN.
 Signs Minute of 16th December 1594. *Mar.* 4th October 1598, Marion Hassinden.
- PANTON, WILLIAM, OF BLACKHOUSE. 9th December 1672.
 Apprentice to James Cheyne.—Son of James Panton of Blackhouse. *Died* before
 1713. *Mar.* Helen Edgar.
- PARKER, JOHN JAMES. 25th November 1852.
 Apprentice to Richard and John Ord Mackenzie.—Fourth son of John Parker,
 Principal Extractor in the Court of Session. *Born* 1st October 1829. *Mar.* 31st
 July 1855, Hannah, only child of James Spittal, Edinburgh.
- PATERSON, ADAM, OF WHITELEE. 12th November 1829.
 Apprentice to John Tod.—Son of Adam Paterson, residing in Galashiels. *Born*
 1st February 1799. *Died* 14th June 1875. *Mar.* 18th November 1835, Elizabeth,
 fourth daughter of David Scott, Farmer at Northfield, Duddingston.

PATERSON, ARTHUR BOURNE.

10th January 1887.

Apprentice to J. O. Mackenzie, Harry Cheyne, and John Kermack.—Son of Robert Paterson of Birthwood, Lanarkshire. *Born* 29th October 1860.

PATERSON, HEW.

Signs the Acts 26th December 1627.

PATERSON, SIR HUGH, OF BANNOCKBURN, BART.

10th April 1661.

Apprentice to Richard Guthrie.—Son of Hugh Paterson of Bannockburn, Stirlingshire. *Died* 1696. *Mar.* 18th August 1654, Elizabeth Kerr. Keeper of the Signet, 28th September 1682. Created a Baronet, 29th March 1686.

PATERSON, SIR HUGH, OF BANNOCKBURN, BART.

29th September 1682.

Apprentice to and son of Sir Hugh Paterson of Bannockburn, W.S. *Died* December 1701. *Mar.* Barbara, daughter of Sir William Ruthven of Dunglas.

PATERSON, JAMES, OF WHITELEE.

12th November 1868.

Apprentice to James Mackenzie, J. B. Innes, and C. B. Logan.—Son of Adam Paterson of Whitelee, Roxburghshire, W.S. *Born* 1st April 1845. *Died* 7th December 1888. *Mar.* (1) 17th April 1872, Mary Francis Hester, daughter of Sir Edmund Samuel Hayes of Drumboe Castle, Donegal, Bart.; and (2) 16th November 1882, Mary Georgina, youngest daughter of Thomas Hodgkinson of Elm Leigh, Havant, Captain, Royal Navy.

PATERSON, JOSEPH.

23d May 1808.

Apprentice to George Robinson.—Youngest son of George Paterson, Merchant in East Sheen, Surrey. *Born* 1778. *Died* 16th February 1832, unmarried.

PATERSON, ROBERT.

See WALLACE, ROBERT PATERSON.

PATERSON, THOMAS.

14th July 1859.

Apprentice to Adam Paterson.—Son of John Paterson, Agent of the Royal Bank at Dalkeith. *Born* 11th July 1834.

PATERSON, WALTER.

3d December 1632.

Apprentice to Anthony Whyte.—Son of Alexander Paterson, Apothecar-Burgess of Edinburgh. *Died* February 1662. *Mar.* Anne Inglis. Readmitted 21st November 1661.

PATERSON, WILLIAM.

8th March 1714.

Apprentice to John Cuninghame.—*Died* 1716.

PATISON, JOHN.

10th July 1798.

Apprentice to Alexander Young of Harburn.—Son of John Patison, Town Clerk, Leith. *Born* 1773. *Died* 9th May 1843. *Mar.* 6th February 1801, Ann Ferguson, daughter of Thomas Hill, Architect, Edinburgh.

- PATISON, JOHN.** 21st December 1809.
Apprentice to Robert Boswell.—Eldest son of William Patison, Merchant in Edinburgh. *Born* 1784. *Died* 22d June 1832. *Mar.* 14th March 1815, Elizabeth, eldest daughter of James Paterson, Merchant, Leith.
- PATISON, JOHN.** 12th November 1835.
Apprentice to Alexander Dallas.—Son of John Patison, W.S. *Born* 19th October 1807. *Died* 8th August 1871. *Mar.* 11th April 1856, Frances M., daughter of William Marshall, R.N., Dunbar.
- PATON, ROBERT.** 17th January 1822.
Apprentice to Walter Cook.—Son of the Rev. John Paton, Minister of Lasswade. *Born* 2d January 1795. *Died* 25th January 1884. *Mar.* 26th September 1832, Isabella, only daughter of Thomas Phipps, London. Procurator-Fiscal for Selkirk Burgh.
- PATON, VICTOR ALBERT NOEL.** 12th July 1887.
Apprentice to James A. Jamieson, George Dalziel, James Craik, and John Wharton Tod.—Son of Sir Joseph Noel Paton, Kt., H.M. Limner for Scotland. *Born* 29th December 1862.
- PATOUN, WILLIAM, OF PANHOLE.** 16th September 1681.
Apprentice to John Cuninghame.—Resigned his Commission 2d February 1711. *Died* January 1715. *Mar.* Ann Gay.
- PATRICK, WILLIAM, OF ROUGHWOOD.** 28th June 1793.
Apprentice to David Steuart.—Third son of John Patrick of Freehorn, Ayrshire. *Died* 28th February 1861, aged 91, unmarried.
- PATTEN, HUGH.** 30th May 1878.
Apprentice to (1) John Patten; and (2) John Cook.—Fourth son of John Patten, W.S. *Born* 7th July 1855.
- PATTEN, JOHN.** 29th June 1827.
Apprentice to James Greig.—Fifth son of James Patten, Cashier of the Greenock Bank Company. *Born* 13th May 1805. *Died* 9th March 1877. *Mar.* 24th April 1848, Jane Maxwell Campbell, daughter of Dugald MacDougall of Galloway, Argyllshire.
- PATTEN, JOHN.** 16th July 1873.
Apprentice to, and second son of, John Patten, W.S.—*Born* 2d October 1850. *Mar.* 7th October 1880, Helen Isabel, daughter of James Johnston Grieve, M.P. for Greenock.
- PATTISON, JAMES.** 29th November 1820.
Apprentice to Peter Couper.—Son of the Rev. James Pattison, Thornhill. *Born* 1794. *Died* 24th June 1832. *Mar.* 16th June 1829, Isabella, youngest daughter of John Cockburn, Edinburgh.

- PATTISON, WILLIAM RALPH. 18th March 1869.
Apprentice to George Maclachlan.—Son of George Handasyde Pattison, Advocate.
Born 12th July 1837. *Died* 26th March 1872, unmarried.
- PATTON, JAMES MURRAY, OF GLENALMOND. 8th February 1816.
Apprentice to (1) Robert Cathcart; and (2) James Dundas.—Son of James Patton, Sheriff-Clerk of Perthshire. *Born* 1792. *Died* 25th December 1853.
Sheriff-Clerk of Perthshire, 1817-53.
- PATTON, THOMAS, OF GLENALMOND. 6th March 1817.
Apprentice to Alexander Young.—Son of James Patton, Sheriff-Clerk of Perthshire. *Died* 28th August 1866, aged 77, unmarried.
- PAUL, GEORGE MORISON. 21st November 1867.
Apprentice to John Dundas, William Wilson, and Alexander Montgomerie Bell.—
Son of the Rev. William Paul, D.D., Minister of Banchory-Devenick. *Born* 18th
August 1839. *Mar.* 28th August 1872, Mary, third daughter of Alexander John
Kinloch of Park, Aberdeenshire.
- PAUL, ROBERT. 10th July 1812.
Apprentice to Harry Davidson.—Son of John Paul, Shoemaker and Trades Bailie
in Glasgow. *Born* 1774. *Died* 30th January 1866. *Mar.* 5th August 1811,
Catherine, daughter of David Geddes, Deputy Auditor of Excise.
- PAUL, THOMSON. 1st July 1828.
Apprentice to James Thomson.—Son of Andrew Paul, Brewer in Linlithgow.
Born 1796. *Died* 12th November 1876, unmarried.
- PEARSON, ALEXANDER. 2d December 1794.
Apprentice to James Ferrier.—Second son of Adam Pearson, Secretary of Excise
for Scotland. *Born* 10th March 1770. *Died* 9th December 1853. *Mar.* 16th
February 1826, Catherine, daughter of David Paterson, Banker, Edinburgh.
- PEARSON, ALEXANDER. 11th July 1837.
Apprentice to David Cleghorn.—Youngest son of David Pearson, Principal Clerk
in the Excise Office, Edinburgh. *Born* 23d April 1811. *Died* 20th April 1857.
Mar. 6th February 1856, Alexandrina, daughter of John Mackenzie, Edinburgh.
- PEARSON, ANDREW ADAM, OF LUCK. 14th November 1851.
Apprentice to Alexander Pearson and William Robertson.—Elder son of Alex-
ander Pearson, W.S. *Born* 30th May 1827. *Died* 19th July 1861. *Mar.* 19th
April 1855, Octavia, daughter of Alexander Gillespie of Sunnyside, Lanarkshire.
- PEARSON, DALZIEL. 7th June 1872.
Apprentice to John Brown Innes.—Youngest son of Charles Pearson, President of
the Society of Chartered Accountants, Edinburgh. *Born* 21st January 1848.

PEARSON, DAVID ALEXANDER.

30th November 1850.

Apprentice to, and younger son of, Alexander Pearson, W.S.—*Born* 15th December 1828. *Mar.* 4th December 1860, Elizabeth Abercromby, only child of Alexander Gibbon of Johnston, Kincardineshire.

PEAT, THOMAS.

7th July 1795.

Apprentice to Robert Brown.—Son of John Peat, Writer in Edinburgh. *Born* 1772. *Died* 26th July 1836. *Mar.* Hannah Broughton.

PEDDIE, ALEXANDER.

See WADDELL, ALEXANDER PEDDIE.

PEDDIE, JAMES.

30th November 1819.

Apprentice to James Greig.—Eldest son of the Rev. James Peddie, Minister of the Associate Burgher Congregation, Bristo Street, Edinburgh. *Born* 1798. *Died* 5th September 1885. *Mar.* 23d August 1821, Margaret, daughter of the Rev. John Dick, D.D., Glasgow.

PEDIE, JAMES.

6th July 1813.

Apprentice to James Grant of Burnhall.—Only son of William Pedie of Mains of Dollar. *Died* 16th July 1844, aged 60, unmarried.

PETER, JAMES, OF CHAPEL.

7th March 1664.

Apprentice to William Hunter, James Cheyne, and Walter Henderson.—Son of David Peter, Commissary of Peebles. *Died* February 1691. *Mar.* 11th March 1670, Agnes, daughter of Mr. William Rigg, Minister of Inverarity.

PETER, JOHN.

Sign the Acts 7th December 1612. *Mar.* 19th October 1609, Janet Myles. Commissary of Peebles.

PHILIPS, JOHN.

16th January 1800.

Apprentice to John Macnab.—Son of John Philips, Merchant in Glasgow. *Died* 11th November 1836. *Mar.* Euphemia Brown.

PHILIPS, JOHN.

10th March 1842.

Apprentice to John Kermack.—Son of John Philips, residing in Edinburgh. *Born* 23d November 1801. *Died* 2d August 1873. *Mar.* 7th January 1834, Annie Gordon, youngest daughter of Robert Richard Maitland, Edinburgh.

PITCAIRN, ALEXANDER.

14th August 1714.

Son of David Pitcairn of Dreghorn, Mid-Lothian. Resigned his Commission October 1745. *Mar.* Margaret Deans.

PITCAIRN, ALEXANDER YOUNG.

5th December 1861.

Apprentice to Robert Haldane.—Only surviving son of the Rev. Thomas Pitcairn, Free Church Minister at Cockpen. *Born* 5th April 1837. *Mar.* 18th August 1863, Helen, daughter of John Wyld, Banker, Glasgow.

- PITCAIRN, ARCHIBALD. 3d August 1723.
Apprentice to Alexander Pitcairn.
- PITCAIRN, PATRICK, OF DREGHORN. 10th November 1704.
Eldest son of David Pitcairn of Dreghorn, Mid-Lothian. *Died* February 1734.
- PITCAIRN, ROBERT. 21st November 1815.
Apprentice to William Patrick.—Second son of Robert Pitcairn, Writer in Edinburgh. *Born* 1793. *Died* suddenly 11th July 1855. *Mar.* 4th September 1839, Hester Hine, daughter of Henry Hunt, Merchant, London. Author of *Ancient Criminal Trials in Scotland*, 1829-33, and other works.
- PITCAIRN, WILLIAM FETTES. 15th November 1827.
Apprentice to (1) George Veitch ; and (2) Matthew N. Macdonald Hume.—Son of Alexander Pitcairn, Merchant in Edinburgh. *Born* 14th October 1803. *Mar.* 29th March 1831, Agnes Campbell, daughter of John Osburn Brown, W.S.
- PITMAN, ARCHIBALD ROBERT CRAUFURD. 19th April 1881.
Apprentice to, and eldest son of, Frederick Pitman, W.S.—*Born* 7th October 1858.
- PITMAN, FREDERICK. 4th June 1857.
Apprentice to John Anderson, his uncle.—Eldest son of Major-General Robert Pitman of the Hon. East India Company's Service. *Born* 17th September 1832. *Mar.* 17th November 1857, Anna Sitwell, eldest daughter of John Tait, advocate, Sheriff of Clackmannan and Kinross.
- PITMAN, FREDERICK ISLAY. 29th October 1888.
Apprentice to F. Pitman, J. R. Anderson, W. H. Murray, and A. C. R. Pitman.—Son of Frederick Pitman, W.S. *Born* 18th April 1863. *Mar.* 2d July 1890, Helen Isabel, younger daughter of James Auldjo Jamieson, W.S.
- PITMAN, JOHN SITWELL. 19th October 1885.
Apprentice to F. Pitman, A. B. Macallan, J. R. Anderson, and W. H. Murray.—Second son of Frederick Pitman, W.S. *Born* 27th June 1860. *Mar.* 15th September 1888, Mabel, only daughter of Captain E. T. Parsons, R.N.
- PLENDERLEITH, JOHN. 6th July 1691.
Apprentice to John Frank.—*Died* May 1728. *Mar.* Margaret Douglas, relict of John Hunter, Merchant, Edinburgh.
- POLLEXFEN, JOHN RIDDOCH, OF CAIRSTON. 10th March 1836.
Apprentice to William Stewart.—Son of Thomas Pollexfen of Cairston, Orkney. *Born* 22d October 1811. *Died* 18th November 1878, unmarried.
- POLLOK, JOHN, OF LOGIEGREEN. 16th June 1807.
Apprentice to John Campbell.—Fifth son of Allan Pollok, Merchant in Glasgow. *Died* at Vancieville, Virginia, U.S.A., 28th April 1817.

PONTON, MUNGO.

8th December 1825.

Apprentice to (1) James Balfour ; and (2) William Scott and G. L. Finlay.—Only son of John Ponton, Farmer at Balgreen. *Born* 23d November 1802. *Died* 3d August 1880. *Mar.* (1) 24th June 1830, Helen Scott, youngest daughter of Archibald Campbell, Edinburgh ; (2) 1843, Margaret, daughter of Alexander Ponton, Procurator-Fiscal, Edinburgh ; and (3) 1st August 1871, Jane, eldest surviving daughter of Dougald McLean, Merchant, Edinburgh.

PORTEOUS, JOHN, OF SPITTLEHAUGH.

20th May 1800.

Apprentice to James Walker.—Only son of Robert Porteous of Carmacoup, Lanarkshire. *Died* 9th January 1812.

POTT, JAMES, OF POTBURN.

20th November 1818.

Apprentice to James Mackenzie and William Innes.—Second son of Gideon Pott of Dod, Roxburghshire. *Born* 1792. *Died* 6th November 1852. *Mar.* 27th March 1839, Jane, daughter of Peter Brown of Rawflat, Roxburghshire.

PRESTON, ALEXANDER.

26th December 1773.

Apprentice to (1) George Turnbull ; and (2) Walter Scott.—Only son of the Rev. George Preston, Minister of Markinch. *Died* 4th November 1775.

PRESTON, JAMES.

20th July 1731.

Apprentice to Hugh Somerville.—*Died* March 1738.

PRESTON, WILLIAM.

3d December 1722.

Apprentice to Robert Hepburn.—*Died* May 1752. *Mar.* April 1740, Helen Cumming, relict of William Carss of Tollcross. Resigned his Commission 31st January 1750. Author of *A Poem to the Divine Majesty*.

PRIMROSE, JAMES.

Second son of Archibald Primrose. *Died* 1641. *Mar.* (1) Sibylla Miller ; and (2) Katherine, daughter of Richard Lawson of Baghill. Commissioner, 18th October 1631. Clerk to the Privy Council, 1602. Clerk to Council of Prince's Revenue, 17th August 1623. Ancestor of Earls of Rosebery.

PRINGLE, FRANCIS.

26th February 1753.

Apprentice to James Pringle.—Youngest son of Sir Robert Pringle of Stichell, Roxburghshire. Baptized 24th May 1729. *Died* 15th April 1760, unmarried.

PRINGLE, JAMES, OF BOWLAND.

14th July 1735.

Apprentice to James Home.—Son of James Pringle of Torwoodlee, Selkirkshire. *Died* 10th April 1776. *Mar.* 18th September 1749, Elizabeth, daughter of James Nimmo, Receiver-General of Excise Duties for Scotland. Principal Clerk of Session, 13th December 1748 till death.

PRINGLE, JOHN.

8th June 1741.

Apprentice to, and second son of, Thomas Pringle, W.S.—*Died* 18th September 1784. *Mar.* Mary, sister of George Drummond of Blair-Drummond, Perthshire.

PRINGLE, JOHN.

13th July 1811.

Apprentice to George Steuart.—Son of Dunbar Pringle, Merchant in Edinburgh.
Died 1854, aged 69. *Mar.* 24th July 1815, Margaret, daughter of Thomas
 Wallace of Stockbridge. Sheriff-Substitute at Banff, 1821-54.

PRINGLE, ROBERT, OF BARTINGBUSH AND STICHELL.

Commissioner, 26th December 1627. Second son of George Pringle of Newhall,
 Selkirkshire. *Died* 1649. *Mar.* Katherine Hamilton, of the Silverton family.
 M.P., Roxburghshire, 1639-41.

PRINGLE, ROBERT.

7th December 1655.

Son of Robert Pringle, W.S. *Mar.* Miss Kerr. Joint Fiscal, 1697-99.

PRINGLE, ROBERT, OF SYMINGTON.

9th December 1830.

Apprentice to John Tait.—Only son of Lieutenant-Colonel John Pringle of
 Symington, Mid-Lothian. *Born* 1803. *Died* 21st April 1868. *Mar.* (1) 17th
 June 1835, Mary, eldest daughter of Major F. A. S. Knox, Royal Artillery; and
 (2) 15th October 1839, Eliza, eldest daughter of James M'Farlane, Surgeon,
 93d Regiment.

PRINGLE, ROBERT.

14th March 1872.

Apprentice to James Hope and Robert Mackay.—Son of Robert Pringle of
 Symington, W.S. *Born* 28th January 1845. *Mar.* 12th April 1870, Catherine,
 only daughter of Robert William Jamieson, W.S.

PRINGLE, ROBERT KEITH.

27th July 1881.

Apprentice to D. Scott Moncreiff, and J. P. Wood.—Son of Robert Keith Pringle
 of Broadmeadows, Selkirkshire. *Born* 22d April 1854.

PRINGLE, THOMAS.

10th May 1693.

Apprentice to John M'Farlane.—Fourth son of Sir Robert Pringle of Stichell,
 Roxburghshire. Baptized 24th March 1667. *Died* before 1736. *Mar.* Rebecca
 Hay. Treasurer, 1697-98, Clerk of Privy Council, 24th November 1702.
 Deputy-Keeper of the Signet, 1716-25. Father of Robert Pringle, Lord
 Edgefield.

PROCTOR, ROBERT.

30th June 1801.

Apprentice to James Dundas.—Son of Patrick Proctor, Writer at Glamis Castle,
 Forfarshire. *Died* 5th January 1823.

PURVES, ALEXANDER PATERSON.

22d January 1874.

Apprentice to William Forbes Skene.—Eldest son of William Brown Purves,
 Physician and Surgeon in Edinburgh. *Born* 11th September 1840. *Mar.* 22d
 December 1875, Sara Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Charles Turner, of the Royal
 Nurseries, Slough, Windsor.

PURVES, JAMES.

3d August 1742.

Apprentice to James Ramsay.—Second son of Sir William Purves of that Ilk, Bart. Baptized 23d July 1709. *Died* 8th June 1770. Resigned his Commission, 16th February 1769. Commissary-Depute of Lauder.

PURVES, WILLIAM.

20th October 1890.

Apprentice to A. Howe, W. Macgillivray, and A. Yeaman.—Son of Robert Purves, Accountant, Glasgow. *Born* 24th October 1862.

RAMAGE, ALEXANDER LISTON.

16th August 1799.

Apprentice to Robert Boswell.—Son of Alexander Ramage, Shoremaster of Leith. *Died* 28th February 1815.

RAMSAY, DAVID, OF LETHAINE.

7th August 1695.

Apprentice to Andrew Young.—*Died* before 1736. *Mar.* (1) Jean Campbell; and (2) 30th June 1699, Euphan, daughter of Michael Elphinstone of Quarrel, Stirlingshire. Treasurer, 1698-99.

RAMSAY, DAVID, OF GRIMMET.

6th March 1810.

Apprentice to John Campbell.—Eldest son of the Rev. John Ramsay, Minister of Kirkmichael, Ayrshire. *Died* 30th April 1828. *Mar.* 20th April 1814, Helen, only daughter of John Shaw, of the Castle, Maybole.

RAMSAY, JAMES, OF AUCHTERTYRE.

25th February 1723.

Apprentice to Alexander Glass.—Brother of Robert Ramsay, Inspector of Customs. *Died* of apoplexy 2d November 1748. *Mar.* March 1734, Ann, daughter of Ralph Dundas of Manor, Perthshire.

RAMSAY, JAMES.

22d February 1793.

Apprentice to Walter Scott.—Son of James Ramsay, Architect in Edinburgh. *Died* 28th October 1798.

RAMSAY, ROBERT.

23d May 1820.

Apprentice to John Tod.—Second son of William Ramsay, Banker in Edinburgh. *Died* 19th November 1829.

RAMSAY, SIR WILLIAM, OF BAMFF, BART.

19th July 1779.

Apprentice to Alexander Duncan.—Third son of Sir James Ramsay of Bamff, Bart. *Died* 17th February 1807, aged 52. *Mar.* 5th August 1796, Agnata Frances, daughter of John Hilton Biscoe, of Hookwood, Surrey. Succeeded his brother as seventh Baronet on 16th April 1790.

RANKEN, WILLIAM BLACK, OF DARGAVIL.

14th January 1889.

Apprentice to Alexander Wylie.—Son of Patrick Ranken of Cleddans and Auchengray, Lanarkshire. *Born* 16th February 1866.

- RANKEN, ROBERT BURT.** 25th March 1869.
Apprentice to (1) John Ord Mackenzie; and (2) Frederick Pitman.—Son of Thomas Ranken, S.S.C. *Born* 24th February 1840. *Mar.* 30th June 1874, Mary Witherington, daughter of Charles Tennant Dunlop, Merchant, Glasgow.
- RANKIN, GEORGE, B.L.** 28th October 1881.
Apprentice to T. G. Murray and J. A. Jamieson.—Son of the Rev. William Thomson Rankin, Brechin. *Born* 15th July 1852. *Mar.* 13th April 1887, Annie Cosens, second daughter of Robert Romanes, Solicitor in Lauder.
- RANKINE, CHARLES SIMSON.**
See SIMSON, CHARLES SIMSON RANKINE.
- RATTRAY, ROBERT, OF BLACKCRAIG.** 12th November 1799.
Apprentice to Andrew Steuart.—Youngest son of James Rattray, residing at Bridgeness. *Born* 1773. *Died* 6th May 1846. *Mar.* (1) 4th October 1805, Rachel, daughter of Thomas Milne, Writer in Edinburgh; and (2) 16th July 1821, Dorothea, daughter of James Dagnier, Durham.
- RAWSOUN, ROBERT.**
Son of Mr. Alexander Rawsoun, Minister of Spynie. *Died* 1629. *Mar.* 29th November 1626, Elspet Anderson.
- REDDIE, JAMES CAMPBELL.** 10th December 1829.
Apprentice to David Cleghorn.—Son of James Reddie, Advocate. *Born* 1806. *Died* 4th July 1878, unmarried.
- REID, ALEXANDER.**
Commissioner, 16th December 1594.
- REID, CHARLES GREENSHIELDS, OF GRANGEHILL.** 12th November 1840.
Apprentice to John Russell.—Son of Captain Charles Hope Reid of Grangehill, Ayrshire, R.N. *Born* 13th October 1814. *Mar.* 22d January 1850, Georgina, daughter of John Jardine, Advocate, Sheriff of Ross and Cromarty.
- REID, JAMES.** 28th July 1882.
Apprentice to Archibald Steuart.—Son of Walter Reid, Drem, East Lothian. *Born* 19th March 1855. *Mar.* 5th January 1888, Kate, only daughter of William Scott, Calcutta.
- REID, ROBERT.** 3d April 1749.
Apprentice to Robert Fullarton.—Son of Mr. William Reid, Minister of Stevenston. *Died* 10th March 1766. *Mar.* March 1746, Ann, daughter of James Grant, Stationer, Edinburgh.
- REID, SYLVESTER.** 27th June 1822.
Apprentice to John Campbell.—Son of James Reid, Office of Excise at Huntly. *Born* 1780. *Died* 8th May 1842. *Mar.* 8th July 1822, Georgina, daughter of Alexander Kidd, Writer in Edinburgh. Accountant and Depute-Clerk of Teinds, 1818-39. Clerk, 1839-41.

REID, WILLIAM.

16th November 1862.

Apprentice to Edmund Baxter.—Son of William Reid, Writer in Dundee. *Born* 28th October 1838. *Died* 8th September 1885. *Mar.* 23d May 1867, Elizabeth Geddes, daughter of James Walker of Ravensby, Flax-spinner in Dundee.

RENNY, THOMAS.

See STRACHAN, THOMAS RENNY.

RENNY, WILLIAM, OF DANEVALE PARK.

16th May 1815.

Apprentice to George Robinson.—Third son of George Renny of Birkhill, Kirkcudbrightshire. *Born* 1788. *Died* 11th February 1846. *Mar.* 23d August 1819, Margaret, second daughter of John Napier of Mollance, Kirkcudbrightshire. Solicitor for Inland Revenue.

RENNY, WILLIAM JOHN, OF DANEVALE PARK.

14th November 1844.

Apprentice to, and eldest son of, William Renny, W.S.—*Born* 4th December 1822. *Died* 25th January 1879. *Mar.* (1) 19th July 1847, Julia Isobella, daughter of Arthur John Robertson of Inshes, Inverness-shire; and (2) 17th July 1873, Margaret Forbes, daughter of John Angus, Advocate, and Town-Clerk of Aberdeen.

RENTON, JOHN.

16th January 1800.

Apprentice to John Home.—Eldest son of James Renton, Merchant in Berwick. *Born* 1774. *Died* 3d October 1838. *Mar.* 12th September 1803, Ann, second daughter of the Rev. Matthew Murray, Minister of North Berwick.

RENTONE, GEORGE.

16th November 1702.

Apprentice to Alexander Home.—*Died* 17th December 1703, aged 29. *Mar.* October 1697, Helen Douglas.

RHIND, WILLIAMSON.

16th November 1831.

Apprentice to (1) Francis Wilson; and (2) Sir H. Jardine, G. T. Stodart, and William Fraser.—Son of John Rhind, Cashier of the Edinburgh Friendly Insurance Company. *Born* 11th June 1809. *Died* 22d April 1847, unmarried.

RICHARDSON, ANDREW.

29th June 1827.

Apprentice to (1) Hay Donaldson; and (2) John Gibson, Jun.—Only son of Kerr Richardson, Farmer in Ardgilzean, Perthshire. *Born* 1804. *Died* 28th August 1885. *Mar.* (1) 16th March 1831, Jean Thomson, daughter of William Blair; and (2) 28th March 1837, Charlotte, daughter of David Davidson, Salton Mains, Haddington.

RICHARDSON, HENRY EDWARD.

13th July 1885.

Apprentice to J. A. Jamieson, J. W. Tod, and James Craik.—Son of Henry Cockburn Richardson, of the Indian Civil Service. *Born* 28th June 1862.

RICHARDSON, JOHN.

19th June 1823.

Apprentice to William Inglis.—Eldest son of William Richardson, residing in Edinburgh. *Born* 1799. *Died* 17th December 1876. *Mar.* (1) L. G. H. Hay; (2) 24th February 1857, Martha, daughter of Peter Trezevant, London. Substitute-Keeper, 1867-76.

- RICHARDSON, JOHN, OF KIRKLANDS.** 13th November 1827.
Apprentice to Thomas Scotland.—Son of George Richardson, Farmer in Gilmerton.
Born 9th May 1780. *Died* 4th October 1864. *Mar.* 5th August 1811, Elizabeth,
daughter of Lawrence Hill, W.S.
- RICHARDSON, RALPH.** 12th November 1869.
Apprentice to George Maclachlan and William Ivory.—Son of James Richardson,
Merchant in Edinburgh. *Born* 22d November 1845. *Mar.* 15th October 1879,
Melville Elizabeth, daughter of Andrew Fleming, M.D., Deputy Surgeon-General,
Bengal Army. Commissary Clerk of Edinburgh, 1883.
- RICHARDSON, ROBERT.** 18th December 1676.
Apprentice to Sir Hugh Paterson.—*Died* October 1699. *Mar.* 30th August 1678,
Margaret Law.
- RICHARDSON, THOMAS.** 25th May 1814.
Apprentice to David Wemyss.—Only son of Robert Richardson, Secretary to the
British Linen Company. *Died* 18th June 1853, aged 64. *Mar.* 19th September
1818, Isabella, daughter of James Heggie, younger of Pitlessie, Fifeshire.
- RIDDELL, REV. HENRY SCOTT.** 15th November 1811.
Apprentice to James Thomson.—Second son of Henry Riddell, Merchant in
Glasgow. *Born* 23d May 1789. *Died* 15th April 1862. *Mar.* (1) 2d October
1818, Agnes, daughter of Archibald Gilchrist, Edinburgh; and (2) 29th November
1831, Elizabeth, youngest daughter of John Horne of Stirkoke, Caithness.
Resigned his Commission 12th May 1825. Licensed by the Presbytery of
Selkirk 7th July 1829. Ordained Minister of Longformacus 6th September
1830. Translated to Dunse 6th October 1843.
- RIDDELL, JOHN, OF GRANTON.** 20th March 1739.
Apprentice to Ronald Dunbar.—Eldest son of John Riddell, Physician in Edin-
burgh. *Born* 1713. *Died* 20th December 1745. *Mar.* April 1741, Christian,
daughter of Sir John Nisbet of Dean, Bart.
- RIDDELL, JOHN RUGNIGALD, OF KINHARVIE.** 10th July 1798.
Apprentice to William Riddell.—Second son of Robert Riddell of Carzield,
Dumfriesshire. *Died* 1849. *Mar.* March 1804, daughter of David Crawford of
Carronbank.
- RIDDELL, THOMAS, YOUNGER OF CAMIESTON.** 19th November 1805.
Apprentice to, and eldest son of, William Riddell, W.S.—*Born* 23d August 1777.
Died 18th April 1826. *Mar.* 31st January 1805, Jane, daughter of Walter
Ferrier of Glenferrier, Stirlingshire.
- RIDDELL, WALTER, OF NEWHOUSE.** 13th December 1708.
Apprentice to John Wilkie.—*Died* December 1742. *Mar.* Jean Pringle.

RIDDELL, WILLIAM, OF CAMIESTON.

3d July 1770.

Apprentice to Thomas Cockburn.—Eldest son of Thomas Riddell of Camieston, Roxburghshire. *Born* 1746. *Died* 23d November 1829. *Mar.* 12th January 1776, Elizabeth, only surviving daughter of John Carre of Cavers Carre, Roxburghshire.

RITCHIE, ALEXANDER.

12th March 1795.

Apprentice to John Campbell.—Only son of Alexander Ritchie, Merchant in Edinburgh. *Died* 15th March 1816.

RITCHIE, GEORGE

2d July 1829.

Apprentice to John Renton and Joseph Grant.—Fourth son of George Ritchie of Hill of Ruthven, Perthshire. *Born* 1807. *Died* 30th November 1843. *Mar.* 8th June 1841, Euphemia, only daughter of Andrew Sceales of Blackburn.

ROBERTON, WILLIAM.

22d December 1698.

Apprentice to William Stirling.—Youngest son of Archibald Robertson of Bedlay, Lanarkshire. *Died* January 1757, unmarried.

ROBERTSON, ALEXANDER.

14th March 1744.

Apprentice to (1) Harry Maule; and (2) David Maule.—Son of George Robertson, Writer in Edinburgh. *Died* 22d January 1788. *Mar.* July 1764, Jean, third daughter of James Hay of Pitfour, Perthshire. Principal Clerk of Session, 12th June 1776 till death.

ROBERTSON, ALEXANDER LAMBIE.

18th November 1817.

Apprentice to (1) James Horne; and (2) Patrick Wishart.—Third son of Alexander Robertson of Prendergust, Berwickshire. *Born* 11th June 1794. *Died* 22d December 1868. *Mar.* 16th August 1821, Katherine, daughter of John Alison of Wellbank, Forfarshire.

ROBERTSON, ANDREW GIFFORD.

29th April 1881.

Apprentice to A. Hamilton, G. T. Kinnear, and R. Beatson.—Son of Andrew Robertson, Edinburgh. *Born* 29th April 1855.

ROBERTSON, BARTHOLOMEW.

1st November 1658.

Apprentice to Alexander Hamilton.

ROBERTSON, FRANCIS JAMES.

14th April 1884.

Apprentice to Anthony Murray.—Third son of George Robertson of Hedderwick, Forfarshire, C.E. *Born* 8th December 1858. *Mar.* 18th December 1884, Elizabeth, youngest daughter of Rev. John Caldwell Brown of Carbeth Guthrie, Minister of Ceres, Fifeshire.

ROBERTSON, GEORGE.

25th June 1819.

Apprentice to Archibald Hotchkis.—*Died* 24th September 1844, aged 51, unmarried. Sheriff-Substitute at Portree, 1829-44.

- ROBERTSON, GEORGE. 18th November 1848.
Apprentice to William Robertson.—Son of William Robertson of the island of Malta. *Born* 20th August 1820. *Mar.* 27th March 1856, Harriette Caroline Emily, youngest daughter of William Macbean, Leghorn.
- ROBERTSON, GEORGE BROWN. 24th June 1841.
Apprentice to Hugh Tod.—Son of George Robertson, Deputy-Keeper of the Records. *Born* 10th January 1819. *Died* 26th November 1873. *Mar.* 14th August 1867, Christina, daughter of William Rose, Sheriffston, Elginshire. Deputy-Keeper of the Records, 1853-73.
- ROBERTSON, HUGH. 6th December 1791.
Apprentice to David Erskine.—Second son of David Robertson of Loretto. *Died* 21st January 1800. *Mar.* 3d November 1795, Barbara, the second daughter of Alexander Hamilton of Gilkerscleugh, Lanarkshire.
- ROBERTSON, JAMES.
See BARCLAY, JAMES ROBERTSON.
- ROBERTSON, JAMES. 26th June 1789.
Apprentice to David Erskine.—Eldest son of Patrick Robertson, Writer in Glasgow. *Died* in Jamaica April 1794.
- ROBERTSON, JAMES. 1st June 1795.
Apprentice to James Saunders.—Third son of Patrick Robertson, Schoolmaster at Bellie, Banffshire. *Died* 15th April 1820. *Mar.* Mary Saunders.
- ROBERTSON, JAMES. 1st June 1820.
Apprentice to James Little.—Youngest son of the Rev. Patrick Robertson, D.D., Minister of Eddleston. *Died* 25th June 1864, aged 69, unmarried. Crown Agent, 1858-59.
- ROBERTSON, JAMES SAUNDERS. 10th March 1812.
Apprentice to, and eldest son of, James Robertson, W.S.—*Born* 1763. *Died* 20th August 1856. *Mar.* 16th April 1816, Sarah, eldest daughter of Rev. Alexander Weir of Boghead, Linlithgowshire.
- ROBERTSON, JAMES STEWART, OF EDRADYNATE. 12th November 1846.
Apprentice to Alexander Pearson and William Robertson.—Son of James Stewart-Robertson of Edradynate, Perthshire. *Born* 15th May 1823. *Mar.* 27th April 1852, Mary Jane Campbell, daughter of Robert Cuninghame of Bandalloch, Stirlingshire, and Ballanorris, Isle of Man.
- ROBERTSON, JOHN, OF DUNCANZIEMUIR. 11th July 1817.
Apprentice to James Robertson.—Son of Robert Robertson, Writer in Ayr. *Died* 19th July 1859, aged 67, unmarried.

ROBERTSON, JOHN ANDERSON.

25th May 1826.

Apprentice to James Saunders Robertson.—Fourth surviving son of James Robertson, W.S. *Born* 4th November 1802. *Died* 9th December 1862. *Mar.* 13th September 1826, Isobella Eleanor, daughter of Captain Johnston, R.E., and widow of James Errol Gray, Surgeon, Inverness.

ROBERTSON, JOHN LOGIE.

8th October 1883.

Apprentice to Alexander Wylie.—Son of William Robertson, Milnathort, Kinross-shire. *Born* 9th August 1859.

ROBERTSON, JOHN RONALDSON.

8th July 1831.

Apprentice to John Archibald Campbell.—Eldest son of Edward Robertson, Secretary to the Commercial Banking Company. *Born* 22d May 1807. *Died* 11th May 1872, unmarried.

ROBERTSON, PATRICK.

1st July 1791.

Apprentice to David Erskine.—Eldest son of Patrick Robertson, Writer in Glasgow. *Died* 31st March 1795.

ROBERTSON, ROBERT.

13th July 1780.

Apprentice to David Erskine.—Second son of James Robertson Barclay of Keavil, Fifeshire, W.S. *Died* 11th June 1784.

ROBERTSON, ROBERT JAMES.

31st May 1860.

Apprentice to James Robertson.—Son of the Rev. Patrick Robertson, Minister of Eddleston. *Born* 17th March 1834. *Died* 1st May 1867. *Mar.* 3d April 1861, Harriott Margaret, daughter of William Henry Holms of Manor House, Kilrea.

ROBERTSON, THOMAS ROBERT.

21st November 1820.

Apprentice to John Campbell of Annfield.—Son of John Robertson, Wine Merchant in Edinburgh. *Born* 1796. *Died* 25th August 1873. *Mar.* (1) 9th June 1825, Helen, second daughter of John Elder, Depute-Clerk of Session; and (2) 5th August 1839, Jane Maria Sophia, daughter of Alexander Smith of Land, Dumfriesshire.

ROBERTSON, WILLIAM.

11th December 1788.

Apprentice to George Cuming.—Youngest son of James Robertson Barclay of Keavil, Fifeshire, W.S. *Died* 2d December 1839.

ROBERTSON, WILLIAM.

26th November 1829.

Apprentice to Alexander Pearson.—Son of George Robertson Scott of Benholm, Kincardineshire. *Died* 8th May 1850, aged 49, unmarried.

ROBERTSON, WILLIAM PEMBERTON.

28th July 1882.

Apprentice to George Robertson and John Hope Finlay.—Son of George Robertson, W.S. *Born* 25th July 1859. *Mar.* 18th December 1889, Augusta, eldest daughter of Lieutenant Colonel Babington of Brooklands, Hampshire.

- ROBINSON, GEORGE, OF CLERMISTON. 22d June 1784.
Apprentice to Samuel Mitchelson.—Second son of William Robinson, Merchant in Banff. *Died* 6th May 1825. Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer, 1815-25.
- ROBISON, CHARLES KNOWLES. 10th July 1812.
Apprentice to Richard Hotchkis.—Second son of John Robison, Professor of Natural Philosophy in the University of Edinburgh. *Born* 1781. *Died* at Calcutta, April 1846. *Mar.* 8th July 1822, Elizabeth Carr. Magistrate of Police, Calcutta.
- ROBSON, CHARLES MACLAREN. 14th July 1890.
Apprentice to T. E. O. Horne, T. Horne, and D. Lyell.—Son of James Curle Robson, Procurator-Fiscal of Berwickshire. *Born* 30th March 1863.
- ROLLAND, ADAM, OF GASK. 6th March 1787.
Apprentice to John Gordon.—Second son of the Rev. Robert Rolland, Minister of Culross. *Born* 1763. *Died* 31st March 1837. *Mar.* 10th October 1796, Ann, daughter of James Newbigging, residing at Whitehouse. Crown Agent, 1820-28. Principal Clerk of Session from 26th November 1828 till death.
- ROLLAND, ADAM, OF GASK. 25th June 1824.
Apprentice to Sir Francis Walker Drummond.—Eldest son of Adam Rolland, W.S. *Born* 5th July 1801. *Died* 18th October 1890. *Mar.* 5th September 1832, Charlotte, daughter of John Craigie of Quebec, and niece of Laurence Craigie of Kilgraston, Perthshire.
- ROLLAND, JAMES. 7th July 1829.
Apprentice to, and second son of, Adam Rolland, W.S.—*Born* 24th November 1802. *Died* 20th November 1889. *Mar.* 21st April 1840, Maria Rebecca, eldest daughter of William Stothert of Cargen, Kirkeudbrightshire.
- ROLLO, HUGH JAMES. 10th March 1806.
Apprentice to Vans Hathorn.—Third son of Hugh James Paterson Rollo of Bannockburn. *Born* 4th February 1783. Drowned on board steamer *Comet* off Gourrock, 21st October 1825. *Mar.* 12th July 1813, Jane Hathorn, eldest daughter of William Richardson of Keithock, Brechin.
- ROLLO, HUGH JAMES. 20th May 1847.
Apprentice to John Richardson.—Son of Hugh James Rollo, W.S. *Born* 16th June 1818. *Died* 28th February 1890. *Mar.* (1) 30th November 1865, Mary, daughter of Alexander Stuart of Inchbreck, Kincardineshire; and (2) 15th January 1880, Mary Dealtrey, daughter of Rev. John Hutton Pollexfen of Cairston, Orkney, Vicar of Middleton Tyas, Yorkshire.
- RONALD, DUNCAN. 22d June 1691.
Apprentice to John Campbell of Succoth.—*Died* August 1700. *Mar.* (1) Magdalene Scott; and (2) Ann Murray.

- RORIE, JAMES. 16th July 1889.
Apprentice to W. T. Dickson, T. S. Maclaren, and W. Traquair, Junr.—Eldest son of George Livingstone Rorie, Secretary, National Bank of Scotland, Edinburgh. *Born* 27th December 1864.
- ROS, WILLIAM. 29th June 1661.
Apprentice to Hew Rose.—Fiscal, 1657-66. *Died* April 1668.
- ROSE, HEW.
Fiscal 1627-51. *Died* 1651. *Mar.* Sara Armour.
- ROSE, JAMES. 1st July 1824.
Apprentice to Walter Dickson.—Son of James Rose, Depute-Clerk of Session. *Died* 1st December 1864, aged 68. *Mar.* 16th June 1830, Susan Brabazon, daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel Wight of Largnean.
- ROSS, ALEXANDER.
Signs the Acts 26th December 1627.
- ROSS, ALEXANDER, OF LITTLE DAAN. 14th July 1718.
Apprentice to James Baird.—Son of Alexander Ross of Easter Fearn, Ross-shire. *Died* 4th March 1753.
- ROSS, HUGH, OF KNOCKBRAKE. 5th June 1845.
Apprentice to Joseph Gordon.—Son of Hugh Ross of Knockbrake, Ross-shire. *Born* 12th January 1820. *Died* 25th February 1889. *Mar.* 25th June 1845, Anne, youngest daughter of Thomas Houstoun, Kintradwell, Sutherlandshire. Sheriff-Substitute at Tobermory, 1865-85.
- ROSS, JAMES HUNTER. 27th June 1820.
Apprentice to William Dallas.—Third son of William Ross, Collector of Customs, Stranraer. *Died* 18th September 1865, aged 73. *Mar.* (1) 26th August 1816, Margaret, daughter of — Johnstone, Castle-Douglas; and (2) 1st June 1833, Margaret Penelope, youngest daughter of James Foulds, Wheatfield, Ayr. Latterly a Solicitor in Melbourne.
- ROSS, JOHN. 1609.
Died February 1621. *Mar.* Helen Cunyngham.
- ROSS, JOHN, OF NUICK. 23d October 1704.
Apprentice to William Thomson.—*Died* 1740. *Mar.* Jean, daughter of Andrew Ross of Nuick, Stirlingshire.
- ROSS, JOHN. 30th January 1797.
Apprentice to (1) Walter Ross and (2) Robert Dundas.—Third son of Walter Ross, W.S. *Died* 11th December 1817. *Mar.* 20th September 1805, Christina, daughter of John Moncrieff of Sauchopewood, Fifeshire.

- ROSS, JOHN LEITH, OF ARNAGE. 27th January 1801.
Apprentice to Craufurd Tait.—Second son of Alexander Leith of Freefield, Aberdeenshire. *Born* 29th September 1777. *Died* 15th May 1839. *Mar.* 7th January 1807, Elizabeth, daughter of William Young of Theddocksley, Provost of Aberdeen.
- ROSS, JOHN. 28th January 1878.
Apprentice to Robert Dobbie Ross, his brother.—Son of John Ross, S.S.C. *Born* 11th August 1850. *Mar.* 24th April 1879, Julia Ann, widow of Robert Beckwith Towse, London.
- ROSS, ROBERT. 21st November 1790.
Apprentice to John Innes.—Only son of Daniel Ross of Binns. *Died* 1825.
- ROSS, ROBERT DOBBIE. 31st December 1867.
Apprentice to James Duncan.—Son of John Ross, S.S.C. *Born* 1st March 1841. *Died* 1st October 1877, unmarried.
- ROSS, WALTER. 25th June 1764.
Apprentice to John Russell of Roseburne.—Son of Charles Ross, Merchant in Edinburgh. *Died* 11th March 1789. *Mar.* Margaret, daughter of John Moubray, of the Cockairny family. Author of *Lectures on the Practice of the Law of Scotland* 1792, and other legal works.
- ROW, CHARLES, OF INNERALLAN. 5th April 1688.
Apprentice to Sir Hugh Paterson of Bannockburn.—*Died* March 1709. *Mar.* Christian Anderson.
- ROWAN, JOHN. 2d September 1648.
Apprentice to Archibald Gibson.—Son of — Rowan; cousin of Andrew Rowan of Gask. Re-admitted 21st November 1661. *Died* before 1663.
- ROWAN, JOHN. 13th February 1744.
Apprentice to Robert Wallace.—Son of James Rowan of Hethryhall. *Died* April 1750. *Mar.* May 1740, Janet, daughter of John Paterson, Merchant, Glasgow.
- ROY, FREDERICK LEWIS, OF NENTHORN. 4th July 1823.
Apprentice to James Heriot.—Son of William Roy of Nenthorn, Berwickshire. *Born* 1799. *Died* 15th February 1868. *Mar.* (1) 5th June 1827, Margaret Louisa, daughter of Charles Maitland Makgill of Rankeillour; and (2) 26th October 1853, Mary Catherine, daughter of Alexander Boswell, W.S.
- ROY, JAMES. 25th May 1826.
Apprentice to James Thomson.—Son of James Roy, residing in Perth. *Died* 11th November 1881. *Mar.* 10th May 1864, Anne, youngest daughter of John Robertson, Invercomrie, Perthshire.

ROY, ROBERT, OF RIROY.

7th February 1822.

Apprentice to Æneas Macbean.—Son of James Roy, Surgeon to the Forces at Fort George. *Born* 1796. *Died* 10th September 1873. *Mar.* 5th June 1867, Mary, daughter of William Dean, Solicitor, London.

RUSSEL, GEORGE.

17th February 1800.

Apprentice to James Watson.—Third son of Alexander Russel of Montcoffer, Aberdeenshire. *Died* 3d October 1826. *Mar.* 13th March 1804, his cousin Catherine, eldest daughter of Thomas Russel of Rathen.

RUSSELL, ALEXANDER JAMES.

16th November 1837.

Apprentice to, and second son of, John Russell, W.S.—*Born* 21st June 1814. *Died* 8th January 1887. *Mar.* (1) 9th January 1839, Magdalene, daughter of Andrew Stein of Wester Greenyards, Stirlingshire; and (2) 13th April 1861, Elizabeth Anne, youngest daughter of Samuel Lancaster, Watlingbury Place, Kent.

RUSSELL, GEORGE, OF INCH.

16th January 1798.

Apprentice to John Anderson of Inchyra.—Eldest son of James Russell of South Inch. *Died* 1st April 1826. *Mar.* 11th November 1798, Jane, daughter of William Simpson of Ogel.

RUSSELL, HAMILTON.

13th November 1834.

Apprentice to James Gillespie Davidson.—Son of Adam Russell, Architect in Edinburgh. *Born* 22d September 1801. *Died* 18th June 1881. *Mar.* 29th April 1839, Mary, daughter of Rev. T. B. Blackburn, Durham. Sheriff-Substitute at Wick, 1849-80.

RUSSELL, JAMES.

30th January 1840.

Apprentice to John Tweedie.—Fourth son of Alexander Russell, Coachbuilder in Edinburgh. *Born* 16th June 1811. *Died* 7th February 1846. *Mar.* 1846, Isabella, daughter of Charles Wildgoose, Captain in merchant service.

RUSSELL, JOHN, OF BRAIDSHAW.

16th November 1711.

Apprentice to James Anderson.—Fourth son of James Russell of Kingseat, Peeblesshire. *Born* December 1672. *Died* 27th January 1759. *Mar.* (1) 29th August 1698, Maria, third daughter of Andrew Russell, Merchant, Rotterdam; (2) 1706, Ursula, daughter of Claud Alexander of Newton; and (3) 1720, Mary, daughter of the Rev. W. Anderson, Minister of West Calder.

RUSSELL, JOHN, OF ROSEBURNE.

3d April 1749.

Apprentice to, and eldest son of, John Russell of Braidshaw, Mid-Lothian, W.S.—*Born* 12th December 1710. *Died* May 1796. *Mar.* 17th October 1751, Bethia daughter of Daniel Campbell of Greenyards, Stirlingshire.

RUSSELL, JOHN.

24th June 1774.

Apprentice to, and eldest son of, John Russell of Roseburne, W.S.—*Born* 1753.
Died 2d December 1792. *Mar.* 8th June 1778, Eleanor, daughter of the Rev.
William Robertson, D.D., Principal of Edinburgh University.

RUSSELL, JOHN.

8th March 1803.

Apprentice to James Dundas.—Only son of John Russell, W.S. *Born* 22d
February 1780. *Died* 30th January 1862. *Mar.* 10th June 1810, Cecilia,
daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel John Murray, son of William Murray of Touch-
adam, Stirlingshire. Third Clerk to Jury Court, 1815-30. Principal Clerk of
Session, 9th May 1842-58.

RUSSELL, PATRICK, OF KELLERSTAIN.

24th February 1794.

Apprentice to John Russell, Sen., and John Russell, Jun.—Fifth son of John
Russell, W.S. *Born* 1771. *Died* 9th April 1835. *Mar.* 28th December 1799,
Rebecca Thomas, daughter of Michael Carmichael of Hazelhead. Fiscal, 1807-20.

RUSSELL, WILLIAM.

30th November 1675.

Apprentice to Alexander Leslie.—*Mar.* 13th October 1668, Catherine, daughter
of Alexander Leslie, W.S.

RUTHERFOORD, JOHN, OF KNOWSOUTH.

31st July 1798.

Apprentice to William Riddell.—Eldest son of Thomas Rutherfoord of Know-
south, Roxburghshire. *Died* April 1811.

RUTHERFORD, ANDREW.

8th August 1649.

Apprentice to Adam Watt and Alexander Douglas.—Re-admitted 21st November
1661.

RUTHERFORD, JAMES, OF ASHINTULLY.

5th August 1777.

Apprentice to James Ramsay.—Third son of Andrew Rutherford, Tanner, Kirk-
caldy. *Born* 1729. *Died* 18th May 1817. *Mar.* Elizabeth Wardlaw.

RUTHERFORD, JAMES.

7th February 1822.

Apprentice to James Wright.—Son of James Rutherford, Merchant in Edinburgh.
Died 3d September 1843, aged 47. *Mar.* 27th November 1820, Susannah
Hardcastle, of Haughton, daughter of Michael Hardcastle of Haughton, Durham.

RUTHERFORD, JOHN.

14th November 1800.

Apprentice to Robert Trotter.—Eldest son of John Rutherford of Mossburn,
Roxburghshire. *Died* 1822.

RUTHERFORD, ROBERT.

7th March 1815.

Apprentice to Thomas Cranston.—Second son of Dr. Daniel Rutherford, Physician
in Edinburgh. *Born* 22d February 1790. *Died* 6th June 1866, unmarried.
Deputy-Keeper of the Abbey of Holyrood.

RUTHERFURD, GEORGE, OF FAIRNINGTON.

29th June 1759.

Apprentice to Samuel Mitchelson.—Son of George Rutherford of Fairnington, Roxburghshire. *Died* 27th October 1774. *Mar.* August 1757, Mary, daughter of Strother Ker of Littledean, Roxburghshire.

RUTHERFURD, JAMES HUNTER.

10th January 1887.

Apprentice to George Dalziel.—Son of Andrew Rutherford, Advocate, Sheriff-Substitute of Mid-Lothian. *Born* 13th June 1864.

RUTHERFURD, JOHN.

26th November 1829.

Apprentice to William Bell.—Son of John Rutherford, Saddler in Jedburgh. *Born* 20th December 1803. *Died* 29th November 1865. *Mar.* 23d February 1836, Cassandra, daughter of Adam Scott Elliot of Arkleton, Dumfriesshire.

RUTHERFURD, JOHN.

22d March 1866.

Apprentice to, and son of, John Rutherford, W.S.—*Born* 3d February 1841.

RYMER, JOHN.

9th June 1825.

Apprentice to John Mowbray.—Son of Henry Rymer, Merchant in Bo'ness. *Born* 1800. *Died* 3d August 1837. *Mar.* 1st October 1834, Christian, only daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel Dalgleish of West Grange, Perthshire.

SANDEMAN, DAVID CHISHOLM, OF KIRKWOOD.

13th November 1828.

Apprentice to William Mackenzie.—Third son of David George Sandeman of Springland, Perthshire. *Born* 24th March 1806. *Died* 13th November 1852. *Mar.* 4th April 1843, Julia, only daughter of John Robertson of Foveran, Aberdeenshire.

SANDERSON, WILLIAM.

11th December 1828.

Apprentice to James Greig.—Son of John Sanderson, Lapidary in Edinburgh. *Born* 1802. *Died* 25th June 1836, unmarried.

SANDILANDS, MATTHEW, OF COUSTON.

2d December 1779.

Apprentice to (1) James Home; and (2) Walter Scott.—Only son of Rev. Matthew Sandilands, Minister of Eccles. *Died* 3d August 1821.

SANDILANDS, ROBERT.

26th May 1818.

Apprentice to John Tod.—Fourth son of George Sandilands of Nuthill, Fifeshire. *Born* 1790. *Died* 20th May 1872. *Mar.* 14th July 1829, Mary, youngest daughter of Sir Charles Style, Bart., of Watlingbury, Kent. Assistant Judge at Nassau, New Providence.

SANDS, WARREN HASTINGS.

25th May 1814.

Apprentice to James Thomson.—Second son of William Sands, Major in the Service of the Hon. East India Company. *Born* 1791. *Died* 1st February 1874. *Mar.* 5th June 1820, Harrietta Lindesay, youngest daughter of Henry Bethune of Kilconquhar, Fifeshire. Agent to Teind Court, 1825.

- SANDS, WILLIAM, OF LANGSIDE. 25th November 1780.
Apprentice to William Macdonald.—Third son of William Sands of Langside.
Died 20th June 1783.
- SANDS, WILLIAM JOHN. 22d May 1845.
Apprentice to, and eldest son of, Warren Hastings Sands, W.S.—*Born* 9th July 1821. *Died* 11th April 1879. *Mar.* 8th June 1852, Augusta Sophia, daughter of Major-General Wemyss of Green Park, Bath.
- SANDY, GEORGE. 10th July 1798.
Apprentice to Anthony Barclay.—Son of George Sandy, Writer in Edinburgh.
Born 1777. *Died* 8th April 1853. Secretary to the Bank of Scotland.
- SANG, DAVID. 13th July 1871.
Apprentice to Alexander Forsyth Adam.—Son of John Sang, S.S.C. *Born* 27th January 1838. *Died* 27th May 1883, unmarried.
- SANG, JOHN HENRY, LL.B. 20th October 1884.
Apprentice to (1) Robert Blair Maconochie; and (2) Andrew Forrester.—Son of George Sang, S.S.C. *Born* 26th May 1861.
- SAUNDERS, JAMES. 10th August 1775.
Apprentice to Charles Gordon.—*Died* 16th May 1795. *Mar.* Margaret, daughter of Joseph Williamson, Advocate.
- SCARTH, PILLANS. 10th March 1825.
Apprentice to Walter Dickson.—Son of James Scarth, Merchant in Leith. *Died* 24th October 1881. *Mar.* 5th June 1828, Cecilia, daughter of the Rev. Thomas Scott, Minister of Newton, Mid-Lothian.
- SCHENIMAN, HOPE. 4th June 1829.
Apprentice to (1) Robert Y. Anderson; (2) Archibald Crawford; and (3) R. Y. Anderson.—Youngest son of Ferdinand Scheniman, Accountant in Edinburgh.
Died 28th November 1858, aged 54, unmarried.
- SCHOIR, ADAM.
Signs Minute of 16th December 1594.
- SCOTLAND, JOHN, OF GLENDUGLAS. 7th July 1815.
Apprentice to (1) Charles Innes; (2) William Handyside.—Son of Thomas Scotland, W.S. *Died* 14th October 1860, aged 69. *Mar.* (1) 24th April 1820, Mary, daughter of Robert Burn, Architect, Edinburgh; and (2) 26th June 1851, Anne Catherine, daughter of Browne Roberts of Ravenbourne Park, Lewisham.
- SCOTLAND, THOMAS, OF WESTER LUSCAR. 12th July 1791.
Apprentice to James Buchan.—Son of John Scotland, Merchant in Perth. *Died* 26th November 1824. *Mar.*

SCOTT, ALEXANDER, OF TRINITY.

27th February 1817.

Apprentice to Joseph Cauvin.—Eldest son of William Scott, Solicitor-at-Law. *Born* 1792. *Died* at Melbourne 22d May 1840. *Mar.* (1) 3d August 1819, Helen Sutherland, only daughter of Ebenezer Marshall Gardiner of Hillcairny; and (2) 5th August 1823, Magdalene, second daughter of William Blair of Blair, Ayrshire.

SCOTT, ANDREW.

8th July 1823.

Apprentice to (1) Joseph Cauvin; and (2) James Carnegie.—Eldest son of David Scott, Farmer at Northfield, Duddingston. *Born* 1798. *Died* 31st October 1874. *Mar.* (1) 31st October 1827, Mary Ann, daughter of William Affleck, Liverpool; and (2) 29th June 1847, Marion S., daughter of James Lidderdale, Lochbank, Castle-Douglas.

SCOTT, ANDREW.

18th November 1861.

Apprentice to James Peddie.—Son of Andrew Scott, W.S. *Born* 26th November 1834. *Died* 31st October 1870. *Mar.* 21st March 1870, Barbara Jennison, eldest daughter of Thomas Beamish of Cashelmore, County Cork, and widow of Alfred Henry Hannay.

SCOTT, ANDREW GEDDES.

19th October 1885.

Apprentice to Robert Burt Ranken.—Son of William David Scott, S.S.C. *Born* 8th March 1861.

SCOTT, ANDREW THOMAS STEELE, OF CROSSWOODHILL.

21st April 1875.

Apprentice to John Cook.—Son of Archibald Scott, Solicitor in Edinburgh. *Born* 30th September 1851. *Mar.* 15th April 1879, Anna Euphenia, daughter of John Menzies Baillie of Culterallers, Lanarkshire.

SCOTT, CHARLES BALFOUR.

10th March 1806.

Apprentice to Archibald Gibson.—Second son of Charles Scott of Woll, Roxburghshire. *Born* 1782. *Died* 3d February 1838. *Mar.* 9th November 1818, Eliza, second daughter of the Rev. Alexander Ker, Minister of Stobo.

SCOTT, CHARLES FRANCIS.

14th July 1890.

Apprentice to F. Pitman, J. R. Anderson, W. H. Murray and A. Pitman.—Only surviving son of George Ferme Scott, S.S.C. *Born* 20th December 1866.

SCOTT, DAVID, OF SIMBISTER.

15th May 1817.

Apprentice to Henry Moncrieff.—Son of Andrew Scott, Watchmaker in Dingwall. *Died* suddenly 22d January 1839, aged 48. *Mar.* 14th December 1821, Theodosia, youngest daughter of Robert Anderson, Edinburgh.

SCOTT, GEORGE.

24th May 1827.

Apprentice to John K. Campbell and Andrew Clason.—Son of William Scott, Brewer in Leith. *Born* 1804. *Died* 12th May 1833, unmarried.

- SCOTT, HERCULES, OF BROTHERTON. 19th March 1719.
Apprentice to Thomas Pringle.—Son of Hercules Scott of Brotherton, Kincardineshire. *Born* 1659. *Died* March 1725. *Mar.* 1707, Helen, eldest daughter of Sir Charles Ramsay of Balmain, Bart. Substitute-Keeper of the Signet.
- SCOTT, JAMES.
Signs Minute of 17th January 1606. *Died* 1628.
- SCOTT, JAMES, OF SCOTSLOCH. 20th December 1672.
Apprentice to James Allan.—Third son of Sir William Scott of Clerkington, East Lothian, Senator of the College of Justice. *Mar.* Margaret Boyd.
- SCOTT, JAMES. 9th January 1738.
Apprentice to Robert Dalrymple.—Son of James Scott, Writer in Edinburgh. *Died* 12th December 1792. *Mar.* Margaret, daughter of Andrew Marjoribanks of that ilk.
- SCOTT, JAMES, OF BROTHERTON. 18th June 1802.
Apprentice to Charles Innes.—Son of David Scott of Netherholm, Kincardineshire. *Born* 1776. *Died* 22d September 1844, unmarried.
- SCOTT, JOHN, OF GLENORMISTON. 26th February 1784.
Apprentice to Cornelius Elliot.—Youngest son of William Scott of Woll, Roxburghshire. *Died* 24th March 1803. *Mar.* Beatrice Caverhill.
- SCOTT, JOHN, OF TEVIOTBANK. 15th November 1832.
Apprentice to Gilbert Laurie Finlay.—Son of William Scott of Teviotbank, Roxburghshire, W.S. *Born* 2d October 1809. *Died* 16th July 1867. *Mar.* 2d October 1850, Anne, second daughter of Henry Singleton, of Belpatrick, County Louth.
- SCOTT, JOHN, LL.B. 19th October 1885.
Apprentice to Robert Craigie Bell.—Son of William Scott, residing at Coaltown of Balgonie, Markinch. *Born* 21st March 1861.
- SCOTT, PATRICK. 5th December 1699.
Apprentice to Robert Innes.—Nephew of Hercules Scott, Merchant, Edinburgh. *Died* August 1711. *Mar.* Elizabeth Cunningham.
- SCOTT, THOMAS. 4th August 1777.
Apprentice to Leonard Urquhart.—Seventh son of Archibald Scott of Rossie, Fifeshire. *Died* 24th June 1794.
- SCOTT, THOMAS. 19th November 1797.
Apprentice to George Johnston.—Eighth son of Walter Scott, W.S. *Born* 1774. *Died* in Canada 14th February 1823. *Mar.* 16th December 1799, Elizabeth, third daughter of David M'Culloch of Ardwall, Kirkeudbrightshire. Extractor of Court of Session, 1810. Officer of Manx Fencibles. Paymaster of the 70th Regiment.

SCOTT, THOMAS GRAY.

27th June 1833.

Apprentice to Walter Dickson and James Steuart.—Son of Archibald Scott, Solicitor-at-Law, Edinburgh, and Procurator-Fiscal for Mid-Lothian. *Born* 29th August 1811. *Died* at Madeira 15th January 1856. *Mar.* 11th April 1844, Ellinor, daughter of Samuel Cooper of Failford, Ayrshire.

SCOTT, THOMAS MACMILLAN, OF WAUCHOPE.

22d November 1838.

Apprentice to Lawrence Davidson and Thomas Syme.—Eldest son of Walter Scott of Wauchope, Roxburghshire. *Born* 13th February 1816. *Died* 10th June 1862. *Mar.* 10th April 1844, Catherine, daughter of Browne Roberts of Ravensbourne Park, Kent.

SCOTT, WALTER.

13th January 1755.

Apprentice to (1) James Pringle; and (2) Thomas Cockburn.—Son of Robert Scott in Sandyknowes, Roxburghshire. *Born* 11th May 1729. *Died* 12th April 1799. *Mar.* April 1758, Anne, eldest daughter of John Rutherford, M.D., Professor of Medicine in the University of Edinburgh. Father of Sir Walter Scott, Bart., Novelist.

SCOTT, SIR WILLIAM, OF ELIE.

Commissioner, 16th December 1594.—Son of John Scott of Orchardfield, Edinburgh. *Died* 1628, aged 82. *Mar.* (1) Elizabeth, daughter of Hamilton of Priestfield; (2) Isobel, daughter of David Durie of that Ilk; and (3) 1602, Jean, daughter of Sir John Skene, Clerk Register. Director in Chancery 1592. Clerk of Session.

SCOTT, WILLIAM.

Commissioner, 18th October 1631.—Clerk of Council and Session.

SCOTT, WILLIAM, OF TEVIOTBANK.

23d May 1808.

Apprentice to William Riddell.—Only son of John Scott of Glenormiston, Peeblesshire, W.S. *Born* 1782. *Died* 18th August 1841. *Mar.* (1) 22d September 1808, Miss Jordan of Edinburgh; and (2) 9th October 1816, Margaret, second daughter of Dr. Duncan, Edinburgh.

SCRIMGEOUR, HENRY, OF WESTER LOCHGELLY.

9th February 1702.

Apprentice to John Montgomery.—Son of Mr. James Scrimgeour, Minister of Currie. *Died* 9th October 1731. *Mar.* 23d February 1704, Agnes, daughter of Uthred Macdougall of Hagburn.

SCRIMGEOUR, HENRY.

14th July 1735.

Apprentice to Charles Farquharson.—Son of Henry Scrimgeour of Wester Lochgelly, Fifeshire, W.S. *Died* 29th March 1778. *Mar.* June 1743, Margaret, daughter of George Cruickshanks of Banchory.

SELLAR, JAMES TYRRELL.

16th January 1879.

Apprentice to T. G. Murray and J. A. Jamieson.—Eldest son of the Rev. James Annand Sellar, Incumbent of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Edinburgh. *Born* 3d June 1854. *Mar.* 21st October 1885, Eliza, daughter of John Granger of Pitcur, Forfarshire.

SEMPLE, ALEXANDER.

Died 1628.

SEMPLE, JOHN, OF BALGONE.

28th August 1635.

Apprentice to Harry Veache.—Brother of Mr. James Semple, Minister of Carmichael. *Died* 20th June 1662. *Mar.* Anna, second daughter of Sir Archibald Sydsierff, Bailie of Edinburgh. Commissioner, 1st May 1649.

SEMPLE, JOHN, OF BALGONE.

23d July 1674.

Apprentice to (1) John Semple, his uncle; and (2) Walter Ewing.—*Died* 1680.

SETON, WILLIAM.

6th December 1707.

Apprentice to Arthur Forbes.—*Died* 18th August 1747.

SHAND, DAVID LISTER.

25th November 1869.

Apprentice to John Cook.—Son of John Shand, W.S. *Born* 31st July 1839. *Mar.* 23d July 1873, Angelica Manning, daughter of John Inglis Harvey of Kinnettles, Forfarshire, Accountant-General, Bengal.

SHAND, JOHN.

4th December 1823.

Apprentice to Hugh M'Queen.—Son of the Rev. James Shand, Minister of Marykirk. *Born* 6th January 1801. *Died* 26th October 1876. *Mar.* 4th September 1827, Isobel, only daughter of David Lister of Kininmonth, Fifeshire, W.S.

SHAND, JOHN BATTY.

26th November 1829.

Apprentice to William Bell.—Second son of John Shand of the Burn, Kincardineshire. *Born* 1804. *Died* 1st August 1877, unmarried.

SHARPE, WILLIAM, OF HODDAM.

10th July 1820.

Apprentice to John Forman.—Son of Charles Sharpe of Hoddam, Dumfriesshire. *Born* 1791. *Died* 18th December 1875, unmarried.

SHAW, CHARLES.

11th December 1834.

Apprentice to William Mackenzie.—Son of Duncan Shaw, residing at Nunton, Benbecula. *Born* 1st March 1812. *Died* 10th September 1885. *Mar.* 4th August 1842, Ann Margaret, eldest daughter of James Thomas Macdonald of Balranald, North Uist. Sheriff-Substitute at Lochmaddy, 1843-81.

SHAW, DAVID.

21st May 1812.

Apprentice to Craufurd Tait.—Eldest son of Charles Shaw, Writer in Ayr. *Born* 5th November 1788. *Died* 9th October 1870. *Mar.* 1st November 1826, Glencairn Dalrymple, eldest daughter of John Armstrong, Cherry Vale, County Antrim.

- SHAW, DAVID. 27th June 1872.
Apprentice to Thomas Thomson and David Scot Dickson.—*Born* 14th June 1835.
- SHAW, DUNCAN. 21st January 1874.
Apprentice to Colin Mackenzie and A. D. M. Black.—Son of Charles Shaw, W.S.
Born 7th October 1850. *Mar.* 15th January 1889, Elizabeth, third daughter of George Gordon, Aberdeen.
- SHEPHERD, ALFRED. 11th April 1887.
Apprentice to James Hotchkis Jameson.—Son of David Shepherd, Property Agent, Dundee. *Born* 6th June 1857.
- SHEPHERD, JAMES. 10th March 1817.
Apprentice to George Dunlop.—Son of the Rev. Robert Shepherd, Minister of Daviot. *Born* 6th February 1790. *Died* 4th December 1857. *Mar.* 2d May 1848, Marion Scott, daughter of William Handyside, W.S.
- SIBBALD, CHARLES. 22d November 1776.
Apprentice to John Bell.—Son of William Sibbald, Tailor, Edinburgh. *Died* 11th October 1777.
- SIBBALD, DAVID, OF ABDEN. 2d June 1809.
Apprentice to Edward Bruce.—Son of John Sibbald of Abden, Fifeshire. *Died* 23d February 1815.
- SIBBALD, GEORGE. 18th January 1656.
Apprentice to John Learmonth.—Son of James Sibbald in Drumgay. *Died* March 1668. *Mar.* Janet Learmonth. Re-admitted 14th January 1662.
- SIBBALD, HENRY. 27th February 1819.
Apprentice to James Gibson.—Ninth son of William Sibbald of Gladswood, Merchant in Leith. *Born* 1793. *Died* 13th August 1837. *Mar.* 3d October 1821, Agnes, only child of James Edmund, Glasgow.
- SIBBALD, WILLIAM GRAHAM. 14th July 1890.
Apprentice to D. Henry and Charles Cook.—Son of John Sibbald, M.D., Edinburgh. *Born* 25th October 1866.
- SIMPSON, DANIEL. 26th July 1695.
Apprentice to George M'Kenzie.—*Died* 28th January 1715. *Mar.* June 1698, Jean, daughter of Robert Aitchison of Sydserff, East Lothian.
- SIMPSON, JOHN. 1727.
Apprentice to Alexander Mitchell of Craigend.—*Died* before 1733.
- SIMPSON, ROBERT RUSSELL. 12th November 1869.
Apprentice to Thomas Dawson Brodie.—Fourth son of Alexander Simpson, Banker in Bathgate, and nephew of Sir James Young Simpson, Bart. *Born* 31st December 1840. *Mar.* 26th December 1877, Helen Dymock, eldest daughter of Samuel Raleigh, Manager, Scottish Widows' Fund, Edinburgh.

- SIMSON, CHARLES SIMSON RANKINE, OF THREIPWOOD. 14th March 1872.
Apprentice to John and James Turnbull.—Son of the Rev. John Rankine, D.D., Minister of Sorn. *Born* 15th October 1847. Assumed name of Simson on succeeding to estate of Threipwood.
- SIMSON, JOHN THOMAS. 31st May 1860.
Apprentice to James Shepherd, T. M. Grant, and William Cuthbertson.—Son of the Rev. Henry Simson, Minister of Chapel of Garioch, Aberdeenshire. *Born* 26th May 1837. *Died* 9th November 1865, unmarried.
- SINCLAIR, GEORGE. 4th August 1777.
Apprentice to Leonard Urquhart.—Third son of James Sinclair of Durran, Caithness. *Died* 6th December 1779. *Mar.* 19th September 1775, Elizabeth, daughter of John Sutherland of Forse, Caithness.
- SINCLAIR, GEORGE LEWIS, OF DALREOCH. 23d November 1827.
Apprentice to William Renny.—Second son of James Sinclair of Forss, Caithness. *Born* 1803. *Died* 22d October 1878. *Mar.* 11th February 1830, Frances Ann, second daughter of John Boazman of Acornbank, Westmoreland.
- SINCLAIR, GEORGE SUTHERLAND. 12th November 1829.
Apprentice to James and Charles Nairne.—Son of Lieutenant-Colonel John Sutherland, R.A. *Born* 1805. *Died* 16th January 1834, unmarried.
- SINCLAIR, JOHN, OF BALGRIGIE. 28th June 1736.
Apprentice to James Graham.—Only son of George Ross, Advocate. *Died* 26th October 1784. *Mar.* 25th October 1753, Rachel, daughter of John Monerieff, Merchant, Perth. Admitted Advocate 11th June 1748.
- SINCLAIR, PETER. 18th June 1739.
Died 1763. Fiscal, 1755-63.
- SINCLAIR, ROBERT. 31st December 1708.
Apprentice to John M'Farlane.—*Died* 11th April 1715, aged 30. *Mar.* 18th January 1711, Lillas, daughter of John Anderson, Coppersmith in Edinburgh.
- SINCLAIR, WILLIAM. 8th August 1785.
Apprentice to Francis Anderson.—Youngest son of Alexander Sinclair of Barrock, Caithness. *Died* 7th July 1799, unmarried. Commissary of Caithness.
- SINGER, JAMES. 12th December 1822.
Apprentice to Robert Ainslie.—Son of the Rev. William Singer, D.D., Minister of Kirkpatrick-Juxta. *Died* 1st February 1836, aged 35, unmarried.
- SKELTON, JAMES. 12th February 1824.
Apprentice to Robert Fleeming.—Son of John Skelton, Sheriff-Substitute at Kinross. *Born* 1799. *Died* 14th May 1882. *Mar.* 11th October 1830, Margaret Marjory, eldest daughter of Thomas Kinnear of Kinloch, Fifeshire. Sheriff-Substitute at Peterhead, 1829-70.

SKENE, JAMES.

Mentioned 16th May 1611.

SKENE, JOHN, OF HALLYARDS.

Commissioner, 18th October 1631. Second son of Sir John Skene of Curriehill, Lord Register. *Died* December 1644. *Mar.* 29th June 1603, Alison, sister of William Rigg of Athernie, Fifeshire. Clerk of the Bills, 1614. Clerk of Session.

SKENE, WILLIAM FORBES, D.C.L., LL.D. 16th November 1831.

Apprentice to (1) Francis Wilson; and (2) Sir H. Jardine, G. T. Stodart, and William Fraser.—Son of James Skene of Rubislaw, Advocate. *Born* 7th June 1809. Author of *The Highlanders of Scotland, their Origin, History, and Antiquities*, 1837; *Celtic Scotland*, and other works. Depute-Clerk of Session, 1st November 1853-67. Historiographer-Royal for Scotland, 1881.

SKINNER, JOHN ROBERT.

6th July 1813.

Apprentice to Alexander Youngson.—Son of James Skinner, Writer in Edinburgh. *Born* 1786. *Died* 13th September 1849. *Mar.* 21st April 1814, Ann, daughter of William Black, Writer in Brechin.

SKINNER, WILLIAM, OF CORRA.

16th November 1848.

Apprentice to John Hunter, Auditor of Court.—Son of John Robert Skinner, W.S. *Born* 24th July 1823. *Mar.* (1) 18th June 1850, John Ann Farish, only surviving child of Robert Kirk of Drumstenchill, Kirkeudbrightshire; and (2) 25th November 1880, Charlotte Eremengarde, youngest daughter of Charles Warren of Longford and Market-Drayton. Town-Clerk of Edinburgh since 1874.

SLIGO, GEORGE, OF AULDHAME.

23d June 1820.

Apprentice to William Dallas.—Youngest son of John Sligo, Merchant in Leith. *Born* 1797. *Died* 3d December 1847. *Mar.* 4th June 1822, Anna Sita, eldest daughter of Benjamin Outram of Butterly Hall, Derbyshire.

SMALL, ALEXANDER MURISON.

27th June 1878.

Apprentice to Robert and James Alexander Haldane.—Son of James Small, Accountant, Calcutta, and grandson of the Rev. Alexander Small, D.D., Stirling. *Born* 26th July 1854.

SMALL, J.

Signs Minute of 17th January 1606.

SMALL, PATRICK.

Mentioned 20th January 1608. *Mar.* 9th August 1598, Isabella Coult.

SMALL, THOMAS.

5th March 1801.

Apprentice to William Dunbar.—Only son of Charles Small, Wigmaker in Edinburgh. *Died* 1st October 1830. *Mar.* (2) 27th April 1829, Margaret, daughter of Colin Clark, Edinburgh. Marchmont Herald, 1801-30.

- SMITH, ADAM. 31st March 1707.
Apprentice to William Thomson.—*Died* 1726. *Mar.* Lillias Drummond.
- SMITH, ALEXANDER. 23d February 1816.
Apprentice to John Smith, his brother.—Son of Thomas Smith, one of the Principal Clerks of the Bills. *Died* 3d August 1868, aged 82. *Mar.* (1) 1st June 1830, Mary, eldest daughter of James Christie of Durie, Fifeshire; and (2) 27th July 1842, Margaret Louisa, daughter of Henry Wedderburn of Wedderburn.
- SMITH, ANDREW. 6th July 1813.
Apprentice to John Campbell of Annfield.—Eldest son of John Smith, Farmer at Law, Linlithgowshire. *Died* 17th December 1861, aged 77, unmarried.
- SMITH, DAVID. 30th November 1826.
Apprentice to James Greig.—Second son of Alexander Smith, Banker in Edinburgh. *Born* 13th January 1803. *Died* 16th December 1880. *Mar.* (1) 14th September 1830, Harriet Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Allan of Lauriston; and (2) 22d February 1849, Charlotte Eliza, second daughter of Charles William Bigge of Linden, Northumberland.
- SMITH, DONALD M'CALLUM. 16th July 1888.
Apprentice to James Burness.—Son of Alexander Bell Smith, LL.D., Edinburgh. *Born* 23d July 1863.
- SMITH, HARRY. 25th November 1852.
Apprentice to John and John Robert Tod.—Fifth son of Alexander Smith, Advocate in Aberdeen. *Born* 12th August 1829. *Mar.* 6th August 1861, Julia Medina, daughter of Colonel Rice Jones, K.H., Royal Engineers. Admitted Advocate 6th June 1857. Sheriff-Substitute at Greenock, 1874-85.
- SMITH, JOHN. 23d July 1628.
Apprentice to George Mack.
- SMITH, JOHN.
See CUNNINGHAM, JOHN SMITH.
- SMITH, JOHN. 21st December 1730.
Sheriff-Clerk of Lanarkshire, 1743; Fiscal, 1763-77. Resigned his Commission 14th July 1778.
- SMITH, JOHN FAIRFULL, OF WESTFIELD. 19th November 1829.
Apprentice to William Bell.—Son of Captain Smith of the 33d Regiment. *Died* 7th January 1868, aged 62. *Mar.* (1) 12th June 1830, Caroline, third daughter of Dutton Smith Turner of Clarendon, Jamaica; and (2) 10th January 1850, Alexandrina, second daughter of William Thomson, Dumfries.
- SMITH, WILLIAM. 29th May 1878.
Apprentice to James Peddie and Alexander Peddie Waddell.—Son of William Smith, Writer in Edinburgh. *Born* 20th May 1855. *Mar.* 7th February 1882, Elizabeth Mary, eldest daughter of Jackson Coward Robinson, Ambleside.

SMYTH, JAMES, OF BALHARRY.

5th April 1742.

Apprentice to James Graham.—Son of John Smyth of Lietsie, Writer in Alyth.
Died 1781. *Mar.* Cecil, eldest daughter of Dr. John Kinloch.

SMYTH, JAMES.

10th December 1789.

Apprentice to Thomas Adair.—Son of Robert Smyth, Schoolmaster in Paisley.
Born 1759. *Died* 28th June 1827. *Mar.* 23d March 1798, Barbara, daughter of John Barbour of Laws, Renfrewshire.

SMYTH, JOHN, OF BALHARRY.

12th July 1779.

Apprentice to, and only son of, James Smyth, W.S.—*Died* 7th February 1809.
Mar. (1) Agatha, fourth daughter of Sir John Wedderburn, third Baronet of Blackness; and (2) Joanna, daughter of Robert Gray, Writer in Edinburgh.

SMYTH, ROBERT, OF BALHARRY.

2d June 1809.

Apprentice to, and second son of, John Smyth, W.S.—*Died* 6th October 1855, aged 73, unmarried.

SMYTH, ROBERT GILLESPIE, OF GIBLISTON.

18th June 1802.

Apprentice to John Campbell (1785).—Son of Dr. James Gillespie, Principal of St. Mary's College, St. Andrews. *Born* 4th February 1777. *Died* 11th November 1855. *Mar.* 8th November 1806, Amelia, daughter of Sir Robert Murray Keith, Bart. Assumed name of Smyth on succeeding to estate of Gibliston, Fifeshire.

SNODGRASS, FRANCIS.

10th March 1803.

Apprentice to Thomas Gordon.—Son of Hugh Snodgrass, Writer in Paisley.
Died 1824. Resigned his Commission 24th November 1823.

SOMERVELL, GRAHAM CHARLES.

16th January 1879.

Apprentice to Charles Morton and John Neilson.—Son of Graham Somervell of Sorn Castle, Ayrshire. *Born* 13th July 1854. *Died* 3d February 1889, unmarried.

SOMERVILLE, HUGH, OF INVERTEIL.

1st June 1696.

Apprentice to Robert Carstairs.—Second son of James Somerville of Corehouse, Lanarkshire. *Died* 29th May 1793. *Mar.* Agnes, third daughter of Sir Alexander Gibson of Pentland, P.C.S.

SOMERVILLE, JOHN.

27th February 1650.

SOMERVILLE, SAMUEL CHARTERS.

29th January 1802.

Apprentice to John Tait.—Second son of the Rev. Thomas Somerville, D.D., Minister of Jedburgh. *Died* 18th June 1823. *Mar.* 16th July 1807, eldest daughter of Robert Low of Clatto, Fifeshire.

SOMERVILLE, ROBERT.

26th June 1845.

Apprentice to James Macallan.—Son of the Rev. James Somerville, Minister of Drumelzier. *Born* 20th April 1814. *Died* 5th February 1857, unmarried.

- SOOTE, GEORGE GIBSON. 15th November 1872.
Apprentice to James Mackenzie, J. B. Innes, and C. B. Logan.—Son of James Soote, Merchant and Shipowner in Dundee. *Born* 13th March 1849. *Mar.* 17th April 1886, Alice Victoria, youngest daughter of General Lynch of Partry, Ballinrobe, co. Mayo.
- SOUTER, JAMES, OF KINMINITIES. 11th March 1830.
Apprentice to William Inglis.—Son of Stewart Souter of Melrose, Banffshire. *Born* 1806. *Died* 18th July 1858. *Mar.* 5th April 1831, Anne, daughter of Patrick Carnegie of Lour, Forfarshire.
- SPALDING, THOMAS. 21st March 1865.
Apprentice to Thomas M. Grant and William Cuthbertson.—Only son of William Spalding, Professor in the University of St. Andrews. *Born* 31st December 1840. *Died* 4th March 1878, unmarried.
- SPALDING, WILLIAM MELLIS. 21st November 1833.
Apprentice to William Fettes Pitcairn.—Son of William Spalding of Glennebray. *Born* 9th February 1811. *Died* 4th September 1857. *Mar.* 30th April 1846, Jane, daughter of William Gordon of Hallmyre, Peeblesshire.
- SPEID, JAMES. 21st April 1875.
Apprentice to J. O. Mackenzie, W. R. Kermack, and George Mackenzie.—Son of William Speid, Forneth, Blairgowrie. *Born* 22d August 1849.
- SPEID, JOHN, OF ARDOVIE. 4th March 1841.
Apprentice to William Murray.—Second son of Robert Speid of Ardvie, Forfarshire, W.S. *Born* 26th June 1814. *Died* 16th May 1861, unmarried.
- SPEID, ROBERT, OF ARDOVIE. 20th June 1793.
Apprentice to William Leslie.—Only son of Robert Speid, Merchant in Dundee. *Died* 20th December 1846, aged 82. *Mar.* 23d November 1801, Isabella, daughter of James Hall of Millholm, Renfrewshire.
- SPEIR, WILLIAM.
Signs the Acts 4th April 1607.
- SPENS, DAVID. 15th June 1730.
Apprentice to James Armour.—*Died* 6th February 1771. *Mar.* Elizabeth, daughter of the Rev. Lawrence Johnstone, Minister of Duns.
- SPENCE, JAMES. 6th March 1828.
Apprentice to William Dallas.—Second son of Alexander Spence, Goldsmith in Edinburgh. *Died* 15th September 1856, aged 68. *Mar.* 23d September 1834, Jemima Grace, youngest daughter of James Hall, Major of the Forces, Gibraltar.
- SPENS, NATHANIEL, OF CRAIGSANQUHAR. 25th November 1830.
Apprentice to James Hope.—Eldest son of Colonel James Spens of Craigsanquhar, Fifeshire. *Born* 18th February 1805. *Died* 22d November 1869. *Mar.* 23d January 1840, Janet Law, daughter of George Guild.

SPENS, REGINALD HOPE.

21st April 1870.

Apprentice to Colin Mackenzie and A. D. M. Black.—Fourth son of Archibald Spens of Lathallan, Stirlingshire. *Born* 6th November 1850. *Mar.* 18th April 1876, Mary Elizabeth, elder daughter of Francis Anderson, W.S.

SPOTTISWOODE, DAVID.

20th June 1793.

Apprentice to Cornelius Elliot.—Sixth son of James Spottiswoode of Dunipace, Stirlingshire. *Died* 8th March 1807.

SPROT, THOMAS.

12th June 1823.

Apprentice to James Renton.—Youngest son of Alexander Sprot, residing in Edinburgh. *Born* 27th January 1800. *Died* 23d July 1880. *Mar.* 3d August 1874, Margaret Morrison Malcolm.

STARK, WILLIAM.

Signs the Acts 7th December 1612.

STEELE, ANDREW, OF CROSSWOODHILL.

18th March 1788.

Apprentice to Alexander Cunningham.—Only surviving son of James Steele, Merchant in Edinburgh. *Born* 5th January 1759. *Died* 5th November 1832. *Mar.* 15th August 1810, Marion, eldest daughter of Thomas Bell of Nether Horsburgh, Peeblesshire. Deputy-Keeper Register of Sasines, 1788.

STEIN, ANDREW.

8th July 1847.

Apprentice to Henry Inglis.—Fourth son of Robert Stein of Kilbagie, Clackmannanshire. *Born* 31st July 1824. *Mar.* 6th August 1856, Margaret Haig, daughter of Francis Stupart, Major in 2d Dragoons (Scots Greys).

STENHOUSE, ALEXANDER THOMSON.

14th April 1884.

Apprentice to James Peddie, A. Peddie Waddell, and H. Ivory.—Son of James Stenhouse of North Fod, Dunfermline. *Born* 28th December 1858. *Mar.* 16th October 1889, Mary Johnston, elder daughter of Arthur Colville, Edinburgh.

STENHOUSE, JOHN.

19th June 1812.

Apprentice to Alexander Pearson.—Youngest son of James Stenhouse, Farmer at Grange. *Died* 6th February 1821.

STEPHEN, CHARLES CAMPBELL.

10th January 1887.

Apprentice to Charles Patrick Finlay.—Son of the Rev. Thomas Stephen, Minister of Kinloss, Morayshire. *Born* 14th April 1862.

STEUART, ALEXANDER, OF EDINGLASSIE.

26th July 1727.

Apprentice to Andrew Hay of Montblairie.—*Died* 19th September 1787. *Mar.* Margaret, only child of Colonel Cranston of Glen, Peeblesshire.

STEUART, ANDREW, OF AUCHLUNKART.

15th July 1763.

Apprentice to Alexander Stewart.—Third son of George Steuart of Tannachy, Banffshire. *Died* 10th October 1798. *Mar.* December 1778, Harriet, daughter of James Gordon of Cocklarachy, Aberdeenshire.

- STEUART, ARCHIBALD. 23d June 1853.
Apprentice to, and second son of, James Steuart, W.S.—*Born* 25th July 1828.
Mar. 21st March 1859, Christian, third daughter of George Graham Bell of Crurie, Advocate.
- STEUART, CHARLES. 21st December 1786.
Apprentice to William Dick.—Second son of James Steuart, Writer in Edinburgh.
Born 19th September 1760. *Died* 6th February 1821. *Mar.* (1) 13th April 1795, Mary, daughter of William Gordon, Bookseller in Edinburgh; and (2) 27th October 1801, Margaret, daughter of James Lindesay, Merchant, Leith.
- STEUART, CHARLES. 15th November 1832.
Apprentice to James and Charles Nairne.—Second son of Charles Steuart, W.S.
Born 1st April 1804.
- STEUART, CHARLES. 14th November 1851.
Apprentice to, and eldest son of, James Steuart, W.S.—*Born* 7th December 1827.
Died 9th May 1888, unmarried.
- STEUART, GEORGE, OF TANNACHY. 20th December 1791.
Apprentice to Andrew Steuart.—Eldest son of Patrick Steuart of Tannachy, Banffshire. *Died* 25th October 1814, aged 45.
- STEUART, GEORGE MACKENZIE. 17th March 1890.
Apprentice to R. L. and J. G. Stuart.—Son of George Steuart, Accountant to the Commissioners of Northern Lighthouses, Edinburgh. *Born* 10th December 1866.
- STEUART, JAMES. 8th July 1763.
Apprentice to James Pringle.—Third son of Charles Steuart of Ballechin, Perthshire. *Died* 16th September 1779, unmarried.
- STEUART, JAMES. 20th May 1794.
Apprentice to James Walker.—Fourth son of Robert Steuart of Ballechin, Perthshire. *Born* 22d May 1767. *Died* 4th August 1803, unmarried.
- STEUART, JAMES. 22d December 1825.
Apprentice to (1) Charles Steuart; and (2) Francis Walker.—Eldest son of Charles Steuart, W.S. *Born* 1st October 1802. *Died* 21st September 1886. *Mar.* 27th February 1827, Elizabeth Brand, eldest daughter of Archibald Scott, Solicitor, Edinburgh, and Procurator-Fiscal for Mid-Lothian.
- STEUART, JAMES. 15th July 1884.
Apprentice to, and eldest son of, Archibald Steuart, W.S.—*Born* 7th September 1860. *Mar.* 15th January 1890, Agatha, youngest daughter of Rev. Francis Coulman Royds, Rector of Coddington, Cheshire.
- STEUART, JOHN. 17th November 1701.
Apprentice to Daniel Simpson.—Son of Charles Steuart of Ballechin, Perthshire. *Died* December 1750. *Mar.* Helen Steuart. Commissary of Moray. Fiscal, 1717-22. Treasurer. Resigned his Commission 1st August 1747.

STEUART, JOHN, OF DALGUISE.

7th June 1825.

Apprentice to Harry Davidson.—Eldest son of Charles Steuart of Dalguise, Perthshire. *Born* 7th August 1799. *Died* 29th December 1881. *Mar.* 6th April 1829, the Hon. Janet Oliphant Murray, eldest daughter of Alexander, 8th Lord Elibank. High Sheriff of Cape Colony, 1829.

STEVEN, CHARLES BANNATYNE.

19th March 1888.

Apprentice to Robert Burt Ranken.—Son of Charles Bannatyne Steven, Writer in Edinburgh. *Born* 8th September 1864.

STEVEN, ROBERT.

12th November 1869.

Apprentice to John Beatson Bell.—Son of Alexander Steven, Glasgow. *Born* 31st July 1839. *Mar.* 22d September 1870, Jessie, younger daughter of James Maxwell, Crossmichael.

STEVENSON, ALEXANDER.

22d December 1686.

Apprentice to James Johnston.—*Died* before 1698. *Mar.* 22d October 1676, Janet, fourth daughter of Quentin Hamilton of Barncluith, Lanarkshire.

STEVENSON, ALEXANDER, OF MONTGREENAN.

11th March 1712.

Apprentice to Thomas Pringle.—Son of Hugh Stevenson of Montgreenan, Ayrshire. *Died* 25th February 1755. *Mar.* 19th December 1711, Ann, third daughter of Sir Archibald Hope of Rankeillor, one of the Lords of Session. Treasurer of Society, 1722 and 1746-55.

STEVENSON, ALEXANDER.

28th January 1803.

Apprentice to Alexander Duncan.—Second son of Alexander Stevenson, Depute-Clerk of Session. *Died* 6th July 1805.

STEVENSON, ALEXANDER.

7th July 1807.

Apprentice to John Campbell.—Son of Hugh Stevenson, Merchant in Oban. *Died* 30th September 1815. *Mar.* 29th August 1811, Martha, youngest daughter of James Pollock, Campbeltown.

STEVENSON, ALEXANDER.

23d November 1819.

Apprentice to John Forman.—Son of Thomas Stevenson, Farmer at Gilmerton. *Born* 1794. *Died* 7th April 1877. *Mar.* 17th August 1824, Catherine, second daughter of Andrew White, Glasgow.

STEVENSON, ARCHIBALD, OF MONTGREENAN.

17th July 1755.

Apprentice to, and eldest son of, Alexander Stevenson of Montgreenan, Ayrshire, W.S.—*Died* 13th July 1791.

STEWART, ALEXANDER.

5th April 1715.

Apprentice to Thomas Boyes.—*Died* before 1733.

STEWART, ALEXANDER JAMES.

10th March 1842.

Apprentice to John Bowie.—Son of Joseph Stewart Menzies of Foss, Perthshire. *Born* 13th November 1820. *Died* 8th March 1873, unmarried.

- STEWART, CHARLES. 19th April 1876.
Apprentice to J. O. Mackenzie and W. R. Kermack.—Son of John Stewart of Eskgrove, Mid-Lothian, W.S. *Born* 22d September 1852.
- STEWART, CHARLES CAMPBELL. 23d June 1817.
Apprentice to John Ferrier.—Second son of Alexander Stewart, Surgeon at Gogar. *Born* 1794. *Died* 13th August 1836. *Mar.* 10th February 1826, Mary Henrietta, daughter of Andrew Wood, Surgeon in Edinburgh.
- STEWART, DAVID, OF STEWARTHALL. 6th July 1768.
Apprentice to Samuel Mitchelson, Sen.—Youngest son of Archibald Stewart of Stewarthall, Stirlingshire. *Born* 1744. *Died* 2d May 1823. *Mar.* April 1772, Margaret, daughter of Robert Ramsay of Camno and Arthursstone, Forfarshire.
- STEWART, FRANCIS. 16th February 1826.
Apprentice to (1) Walter Dickson and George Dunlop; and (2) George Dunlop.—Son of General Francis Stewart King of Lesmurdie, Banffshire. *Born* 1801. *Died* at Paris, 23d September 1833, unmarried.
- STEWART, IAN CHARLES LINDSAY. 15th July 1889.
Apprentice to Alexander Howe and William Macgillivray.—Son of Colonel Duncan Stewart, 92nd Highlanders. *Born* 8th September 1865.
- STEWART, JAMES. 25th November 1672.
Apprentice to William Guthrie.—Son of John Stewart of Fungorth, youngest son of Sir William Stewart of Grandtully, Perthshire.
- STEWART, JOHN. 29th January 1705.
Apprentice to William Dallas.—*Died* 12th August 1731. *Mar.* April 1707, Janet, daughter of Sir Robert Blackwood, Dean of Guild, Edinburgh.
- STEWART, JOHN, OF ESKGROVE. 29th June 1837.
Apprentice to John Ker and Henry Gordon Dickson.—Youngest son of Charles Stewart, Captain of the *Airly Castle*, East Indiaman. *Born* 21st November 1813. *Died* 1st July 1890. *Mar.* 21st November 1851, Isabella, eldest daughter of James Hunter of Thurston, East Lothian.
- STEWART, ROBERT.
Signs Minute of 16th December 1594.
- STEWART, ROBERT, OF ARDVORLICH. 27th June 1822.
Apprentice to James Dundas.—Eldest son of William Stewart of Ardvorlich, Perthshire. *Born* 25th August 1799. *Died* 16th July 1854, unmarried.
- STEWART, ROBERT, OF CARPHIN. 27th June 1823.
Apprentice to John Donaldson.—Son of James Stewart of Carphin. *Born* 1797. *Died* 25th May 1868. *Mar.* (1) 14th September 1826, Elizabeth, daughter of Andrew Pringle of Kersmains; and (2) 1st July 1841, Agnes, daughter of James Jeffrey, M.D., Professor of Anatomy in the University of Glasgow.

STEWART, WALTER.

16th July 1661.

Apprentice to William Henderson.—Son of John Stewart of Newhalls, Linlithgowshire. *Died* before 1711. *Mar.* 28th July 1653, Helen Dowie.

STEWART, WILLIAM.

21st March 1865.

Apprentice to James Steuart.—Son of William John Stewart, W.S. *Born* 25th June 1840. *Mar.* 1st June 1875, Mary Harriet Binns, daughter of George Greaves.

STEWART, WILLIAM JOHN.

12th December 1822.

Apprentice to John Irving.—Fourth son of William Stewart of Hillhead. *Born* 10th December 1798. *Died* 13th February 1842. *Mar.* 28th July 1835, Alison, daughter of Charles Steuart, W.S.

STIRLING, JAMES, OF HOMEHILL.

18th November 1841.

Apprentice to John Dundas and William Wilson.—Only Son of William Stirling, Architect in Dunblane. *Born* 27th May 1816. *Died* 31st August 1866. *Mar.* 23d January 1844, Christian, daughter of David Erskine of Elambazar, Bengal.

STIRLING, WILLIAM.

23d February 1680.

Apprentice to John Cunningham.—Son of George Stirling, indweller in Glasgow. *Died* 21st February 1726. *Mar.* (1) Elizabeth Watson; and (2) April 1704, Margaret, sister of Robert Cathcart of Drumjoan, Ayrshire, and widow of Robert Crawford of Crawfordton, W.S. Fiscal, 1686-90.

STIRLING-GRAHAM, WILLIAM, OF DUNTRUNE.

12th June 1818.

Apprentice to Andrew Storie.—Only son of Patrick Stirling of Pittendreich, Merchant in Dundee. *Born* 12th June 1794. *Died* 19th December 1844, unmarried. Admitted Advocate 5th December 1823. Assumed name of Graham.

STODART, DAVID RIDDLE.

21st February 1856.

Apprentice to, and second son of, John Riddle Stodart, W.S.—*Born* 12th October 1832. *Mar.* 2d April 1861, Louisa Flora Wilhelmina, daughter of Peter Shepherd, Merchant, Quebec.

STODART, GEORGE TWEEDIE, OF OLIVER AND HOLMESHAW.

2d December 1824.

Apprentice to Francis Wilson.—Son of Thomas Stodart, Biggarsheils, Lanarkshire. *Born* 13th October 1799. *Died* 26th August 1869. *Mar.* 4th June 1833, Mary Wilson, daughter of Alexander Paul, Merchant in Birmingham.

STODART, GEORGE TWEEDIE.

14th March 1867.

Apprentice to, and third son of, George Tweedie Stodart, W.S.—*Born* 18th January 1841. *Died* 23d May 1882, unmarried.

STODART, JOHN RIDDLE.

7th July 1815.

Apprentice to Andrew Storie.—Fifth son of Robert Stodart of Kailzie, Peeblesshire. *Died* 5th February 1871. *Mar.* 5th July 1826, Jemima Henrietta, seventh daughter of David Brown of Greenknowe, Stirlingshire.

STORIE, ANDREW.

2d December 1794.

Apprentice to Alexander Duncan.—Only son of Andrew Storie, Candlemaker in Edinburgh. *Died* 10th May 1862, aged 94. *Mar.* 3d February 1803, Penelope, daughter of Barclay Fyfe, Merchant in Leith. Treasurer, 1828-62.

STRACHAN, FRANCIS.

24th November 1766.

Apprentice to David Anderson.—Son of Arthur Strachan, Writer in Edinburgh. *Died* 20th December 1798. *Mar.* Katherine, daughter of — Hutton, Merchant in Edinburgh.

STRACHAN, JOHN, OF CRAIGCROOK.

5th November 1683.

Apprentice to James Cheyne.—*Died* 21st April 1719. *Mar.* Jean Moodie. Fiscal, 1696-97. He mortified his lands of Craigcrook, Mid-Lothian, which he purchased in 1698, for certain charitable purposes.

STRACHAN, ROBERT.

23d March 1796.

Apprentice to Robert Hotchkis.—Second son of John Strachan, Merchant in Edinburgh. *Born* 1773. *Died* 23d April 1832. *Mar.* 11th March 1806, Janet, third daughter of Paul Darling of Bogangreen, Berwickshire.

STRACHAN, THOMAS RENNY, OF TARRIE.

19th November 1782.

Apprentice to (1) Alexander Robertson ; and (2) William Leslie.—Youngest son of Thomas Renny, Merchant in Montrose. *Died* 20th October 1823. *Mar.* 20th December 1796, Harriet, daughter of Shadrach Moyse, Solicitor to the Board of Customs.

STRANG, WILLIAM.

Signs the Acts 26th December 1627.

STRATHERN, ROBERT.

14th March 1872.

Apprentice to John and Henry Gordon Gibson.—Eldest son of Alexander Strathern, Sheriff-Substitute of Lanarkshire. *Born* 16th July 1839. *Mar.* 23d December 1867, Wilhelmina, daughter of Daniel Brown, Shipowner, Liverpool.

STRATOUN, ARTHUR.

Commissioner, 1st June 1607. *Mar.* 11th November 1606, Margaret Kincaid.

STRATOUN, ARTHUR, OF SNAWDOWN.

15th May 1629.

Apprentice to James Stratoun.—Re-admitted 21st November 1661. *Mar.* (1) 14th April 1630, Catherine Menteith ; and (2) 26th April 1642, Bessie Purves.

STRATOUN, JAMES, OF STRATOUN.

22d December 1610.

Commissioner, 26th December 1627. *Died* before 1648.

STRONG, THOMAS.

26th March 1857.

Apprentice to (1) John Gibson ; and (2) Andrew Storie.—Son of Thomas Strong, Merchant, Leith. *Born* 1st September 1819. *Died* 14th January 1881, unmarried.

STRUTHERS, JAMES.

7th July 1807.

Apprentice to Thomas Adair.—Only son of John Struthers, Merchant in Strathaven. *Born* 1st July 1776. *Died* 3d February 1841. *Mar.* 12th November 1813, Marion, youngest daughter of James Carmichael, Douglas, Lanarkshire.

STUART, ANDREW, OF CRAIGHTHORN AND CASTLEMILK.

10th August 1759.

Apprentice to, and second son of, Archibald Stuart of Torrence, Lanarkshire, W.S.—*Died* 18th May 1801. *Mar.* October 1790, Margaret, fourth daughter of Sir William Stirling of Ardoch, Bart. Keeper of the Signet, 1777-79. Commissioner for Trade and Plantations, 1779. M.P. for Lanarkshire, 1777-84; Weymouth, 1790-1801. Author of *Genealogical History of the Stewarts*, 1798.

STUART, ARCHIBALD, OF TORRENCE.

9th January 1723.

Apprentice to Hugh Somerville.—Seventh son of Alexander Stuart of Torrence, Lanarkshire. *Died* November 1767. *Mar.* Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Andrew Myreton, Bart., of Gogar, Mid-Lothian.

STUART, DAVID, OF DUCHRA.

2d March 1804.

Apprentice to John Hunter of Doonholm.—Son of Andrew Stuart, Maltster in Ayr. *Died* 11th March 1824.

STUART, JAMES, YOUNGER OF DUNEARN.

17th August 1798.

Apprentice to Hugh Robertson.—Eldest son of Dr. Charles Stuart, Physician in Edinburgh. *Born* 1775. *Died* 3d November 1849. *Mar.* 29th April 1802, Eleanor Maria Anna, only daughter of Dr. Robert Moubray of Cockairnie, Fife-shire. In 1822, having killed Sir Alexander Boswell of Auchinleck in a duel, he was tried for murder before the High Court of Justiciary, but was honourably acquitted. Afterwards Editor of *The Courier* newspaper and Inspector of Factories. Collector of Widows' Fund, 1818-28.

STUART, JOHN, OF CASTLETON.

18th June 1802.

Apprentice to William Handyside.—Son of Dr. David Stuart, Physician in Aberdeen. *Died* 8th April 1815. *Mar.* January 1800, Isabella Wright.

STUART, JOHN.

12th November 1868.

Apprentice to (1) Edmund Baxter; and (2) Frederick Pitman.—Son of William Stuart, Attorney in Exchequer. *Born* 15th August 1844. *Mar.* 28th September 1875, Jessie Warren, eldest daughter of Rev. Thomas Mitchell, Minister of Oldhamstocks.

STUART, JOSEPH GORDON.

21st July 1875.

Apprentice to Robert L. Stuart and Harry Cheyne.—Son of Joseph Gordon Stuart, Manufacturer, Balgonie, Fife. *Born* 31st December 1849. *Mar.* 6th June 1877, Moncrieff, only daughter of the Very Rev. Principal Leitch, Queen's College, Kingston, Canada.

STUART, ROBERT LAIDLAW.

13th November 1856.

Apprentice to Henry Cheyne.—Youngest son of Alexander Stuart, Circuit Clerk of Justiciary. *Born* 16th February 1832. *Mar.* (1) 15th October 1861, Maria Campbell Hill, daughter of Rev. George Anstey, Richmond, Surrey; and (2) 12th December 1887, Marie Louise, only daughter of Thomas Treloar of Plymouth. Circuit Clerk of Justiciary, 1863-69. Procurator-Fiscal for Mid-Lothian, 1869.

STUART, WILLIAM.

10th March 1836.

Apprentice to Thomas Corrie and David Welsh.—Son of Robert Stuart, Deputy Presenter of Signatures in Exchequer. *Born* 12th October 1810. *Died* 10th April 1881. *Mar.* (1) 13th July 1830, Charlotte, youngest daughter of William Douglas, Edinburgh; (2) 21st June 1860, Isabella Rachel, youngest daughter of John Scotland, W.S.; and (3) 31st March 1864, Helen, daughter of Peter Scott, Banker, and widow of John Erskine of Venlaw, Peeblesshire. Sheriff-Clerk of Peeblesshire, 1843.

STURROCK, JAMES SILVESTER.

9th July 1883.

Apprentice to (1) J. O. Mackenzie, W. R. and John Kermack; and (2) John Philp Wood.—Second son of Robert Sturrock, Banker, Dundee. *Born* 31st October 1853. *Mar.* 8th August 1881, Josephine Lucy Florence, second daughter of Lieutenant Benjamin Woolley, R.N.

SUTHERLAND, ALEXANDER GORDON.

19th November 1829.

Apprentice to Alexander Blair.—Son of Neil Sutherland, M.D., Aberdeen. *Born* 16th January 1804. *Died* 25th October 1869, unmarried.

SUTHERLAND, ALFRED.

12th April 1886.

Apprentice to Henry Tod.—Fifth son of George Sutherland of Forse, Caithness. *Born* 4th February 1862. *Mar.* 26th August 1890, Helen Barbara, eldest daughter of R. D. Crawford. *died 24 Nov. 1895*

SUTHERLAND, ANDREW, OF PITGRADIE.

6th December 1699.

Apprentice to Robert Watson.—*Died* before 1715. *Mar.* 24th October 1702, Barbara, daughter of John Guthrie, W.S.

SUTHERLAND, JAMES CUBBISTON.

3d July 1820.

Apprentice to (1) A. L. Ramage and John Blair; and (2) James Dundas.—Only son of Arthur Sutherland, of the island of Jamaica.

SUTHERLAND, WILLIAM.

3d July 1828.

Apprentice to Adam Gib Ellis.—Son of Josiah Sutherland, Merchant in Wick. *Died* 12th October 1853, aged 53, unmarried.

SUTTIE, GEORGE.

11th December 1699.

Apprentice to John Cunningham.—*Died* March 1701.

- SUTTIE, JOHN. 30th June 1741.
Apprentice to Hew Crawford.—Second son of Sir James Suttie of Balgone, Bart.
Died 23d August 1764.
- SWAN, JAMES. 8th July 1806.
Apprentice to Hamilton Bell.—Son of George Swan, Merchant in Edinburgh.
Died 1841, aged 58. *Mar.* 27th April 1807, Sarah, daughter of Benjamin Bartlet, Storekeeper, Edinburgh Castle, and widow of William Buchanan of Auchmar, Stirlingshire.
- SWAN, WILLIAM.
Signs Minute of 17th January 1606. *Died* April 1623. *Mar.* 29th April 1604, Marion Fithie.
- SWINTON, ARCHIBALD. 1st August 1788.
Apprentice to Samuel Mitchelson, Sen.—Third son of John Swinton of Swinton, one of the Senators of the College of Justice. *Born* 1762. *Died* 22d April 1840, unmarried. Reporter of Cases before High Court of Justiciary, 1835-40.
- SYDSERFF, JOHN. 14th January 1634.
Apprentice to James Kinnear.
- SYM, JAMES PITCAIRN. 24th January 1878.
Apprentice to (1) Robert Dobbie Ross; and (2) John Ross.—Son of William Sym, residing in Edinburgh. *Born* 1st June 1853. *Mar.* 2d August 1883, Elizabeth Leslie, only daughter of Rev. John Watt, Minister of Fetteresso.
- SYM, ROBERT. 30th November 1775.
Apprentice to Robert Syme, his uncle.—Second son of Andrew Sym, Merchant in Glasgow. *Born* 29th February 1752. *Died* 2d April 1845, unmarried.
- SYME, JAMES GORDON. 8th October 1883.
Apprentice to (1) Charles Morton and John Neilson; and (2) T. D. Brodie and J. G. C. Brodie.—Son of James Syme, Merchant in Edinburgh. *Born* 10th July 1854. *Mar.* 20th October 1887, Nellie, second daughter of Donald Macgregor of Ardgartan, Argyllshire.
- SYME, JOHN, OF BARNCAILZIE. 31st January 1750.
Apprentice to Thomas Goldie.—Only son of Alexander Syme, Writer in Edinburgh. *Died* 6th June 1790. *Mar.* (2) Mary Ravenscroft.
- SYME, JOHN, OF CARTMORE. 10th July 1794.
Apprentice to Samuel Mitchelson, Jun.—Eldest son of David Syme of Cartmore. *Died* 19th June 1821. *Mar.* 20th October 1795, Barbara, daughter of James Spottiswoode of Dunipace, Stirlingshire.
- SYME, ROBERT. 4th August 1735.
Apprentice to Hew Crawford.—Third son of John Syme, Merchant in Glasgow. *Died* 21st November 1780.

- SYME, THOMAS. 23d June 1820.
Apprentice to Harry Davidson.—Son of James Syme of Northfield, East Lothian.
Born 5th November 1795. *Died* 28th November 1869, unmarried.
- TAIT, ADAM DUNCAN. 15th July 1889.
Apprentice to John Kirk.—Son of the Rev. Walter Tait of St. Madoes. *Born*
20th December 1863.
- TAIT, ALEXANDER. 9th July 1756.
Apprentice to (1) John Hay; and (2) George Balfour.—Son of Alexander Tait,
Merchant in Edinburgh. *Died* 8th July 1781. *Mar.* Janet, third daughter of
William Blair of that Ilk. Substitute-Keeper, 1744-62. Principal Clerk of
Session, 13th November 1760, till death.
- TAIT, CRAUFURD, OF HARVIESTON. 10th December 1789.
Apprentice to, and son of, John Tait of Harvieston, Clackmannanshire.—*Born*
1765. *Died* 2d May 1832. *Mar.* 17th June 1796, Susan, fourth daughter of
Sir Hay Campbell of Succoth, Bart., Lord President of the Court of Session.
Father of His Grace Archibald Campbell Tait, Archbishop of Canterbury.
- TAIT, DAVID WARDLAW BROWN. 24th October 1879.
Apprentice to Sir John Gillespie and Thomas Paterson.—Son of James Tait of
Langrigg, Berwickshire, W.S. *Born* 21st October 1855.
- TAIT, JAMES, OF LANGRIGG. 14th November 1839.
Apprentice to George Turnbull.—Son of James Tait of Edenside, Kelso. *Born*
3d June 1816. *Mar.* 24th April 1849, Elizabeth Moir, daughter of James
Stormonth Darling of Lednathie, Forfarshire, W.S.
- TAIT, JAMES. 17th November 1859.
Apprentice to John Gibson.—Second son of John Renny Tait, Baker in Edin-
burgh. *Born* 16th November 1836. *Died* about 1882, unmarried.
- TAIT, JAMES CAMPBELL. 27th June 1823.
Apprentice to, and second son of, Craufurd Tait of Harvieston, W.S.—*Born* 1st
November 1798. *Died* 17th January 1879, unmarried.
- TAIT, JOHN, OF HARVIESTON. 8th March 1763.
Apprentice to William Fraser of Ford.—Eldest son of Thomas Tait of Buthlaw,
Aberdeenshire. *Died* 11th March 1802. *Mar.* March 1764, Charles, daughter
of Thomas Murdoch of Cumloden, Kirkcudbrightshire.
- TAIT, JOHN. 16th November 1781.
Apprentice to John Tait.—Son of George Tait, Tenant in Redbog. *Died* 29th
July 1817. *Mar.* 16th September 1782, Margaret, daughter of Peter Edgar of
Bridgelands, Mid-Lothian. Judge of Police, 1805-12.

- TAIT, JOHN, OF PIRN. 7th July 1808.
Apprentice to Archibald Gibson.—Eldest son of William Tait of Pirn, Mid-Lothian. *Born* 1783. *Died* 12th December 1838. *Mar.* 23d March 1819, Harriet, eldest daughter of Archibald Hepburn Mitchelson of Middleton, Mid-Lothian.
- TAIT, JOHN, *tertius*. 17th May 1811.
Apprentice to, and son of, John Tait, W.S.—*Born* 1786. *Died* 29th March 1832, unmarried.
- TAIT, JOHN CRAUFURD. 19th July 1855.
Apprentice to James Campbell Tait.—Eldest son of John Tait, Advocate, Sheriff of Clackmannan and Kinross. *Born* 31st August 1825. *Mar.* 7th December 1863, Maria Louisa Mann.
- TAWSE, ANDREW, OF NETHER LEASTON. 22d June 1819.
Apprentice to Charles Tawse, his brother.—Youngest son of John Tawse, Writer in Edinburgh. *Born* 22d October 1788. *Died* 13th July 1851. *Mar.* 28th March 1822, Margaret, fourth daughter of Alexander Bonar of Ratho, Mid-Lothian.
- TAWSE, CHARLES. 7th July 1808.
Apprentice to Alexander Duncan.—Eldest son of John Tawse, Writer in Edinburgh. *Born* 1785. *Died* 22d October 1826. *Mar.* 16th September 1817, Sarah Harriet, only daughter of John Connell of Carlisle.
- TAWSE, JOHN, OF NETHER LEASTON. 13th November 1849.
Apprentice to Walter and John Cook.—Eldest son of Andrew Tawse of Nether Leaston, East Lothian, W.S. *Born* 20th April 1824.
- TAWSE, JOHN WARDROBE, OF STOBSHIEL. 22d November 1838.
Apprentice to Andrew Tawse.—Eldest son of John Tawse of Stobshiel, East Lothian, Advocate. *Born* 21st September 1813. *Died* 9th July 1887, unmarried.
- TAYLOR, GEORGE. 26th June 1832.
Apprentice to James Macdonell.—Son of Robert Taylor, Writer in Tain. *Born* 20th October 1808. *Died* 1st October 1864. *Mar.* 3d August 1841, Robina, daughter of Alexander Smart of Cononsyth, Forfarshire.
- TAYLOR, JAMES, OF PITCAIRLIE. 9th June 1698.
Apprentice to John Cunningham.—*Mar.* 6th March 1701, Catherine, daughter of John Menzies of Cammo, Mid-Lothian, Advocate.
- TAYLOR, JAMES, OF PITCAIRLIE. 4th August 1731.
Apprentice to, and son of, James Taylor of Pitcairlie, Fifeshire.—Resigned his Commission, 5th August 1778. *Died* 1784. *Mar.* July 1751, Margaret Balfour, relict of James Callander, Writer, Edinburgh.
- TAYLOR, JAMES PRINGLE. 12th January 1885.
Apprentice to Donald Beith and Andrew Forrester.—Son of the Rev. James Taylor, D.D. *Born* 6th September 1851. *Mar.* 11th February 1886, Annie, youngest daughter of Charles Thornton, Leeds.

- TAYLOR, JOHN, OF BLACKHOUSE.** 20th July 1775.
Apprentice to Alexander Mackenzie.—Son of the Rev. William Taylor, Minister of New Deer. *Died* 30th January 1810.
- TAYLOR, WILLIAM.** 5th March 1840.
Apprentice to William Scott, W. C. Balderston, and John Scott.—Son of Robert Taylor of Broomlands. *Born* 28th July 1817. *Died* 2d July 1888, unmarried.
- TENNENT, PATRICK.** 23d May 1808.
Apprentice to Archibald Gibson.—Third son of Robert Tennent, Brewer in Glasgow. *Born* 1782. *Died* 18th December 1872. *Mar.* 27th April 1812, Margaret, youngest daughter of Hugh Lyon of Wester Ogle, Forfarshire.
- THOMSON, ALEXANDER.** 26th May 1818.
Apprentice to David Thomson and Robert Fleming.—Son of David Thomson, W.S. *Died* October 1867. *Mar.* (1) 12th July 1819, Ann, eldest daughter of Charles Hay, Edinburgh; and (2) 24th December 1832, Eliza, daughter of Robert Burn, Architect in Edinburgh.
- THOMSON, ANDREW, OF KINLOCH.** 2d June 1809.
Apprentice to Robert Hill.—Son of Andrew Thomson of Kinloch, Fifeshire. *Died* at Saratoga, U.S.A., 19th August 1831. *Mar.* 20th February 1818, Barbara, youngest daughter of James Hunter of Seaside and Glencarse, Perthshire.
- THOMSON, ANDREW.** 23d June 1820.
Apprentice to John Russell.—Son of John Thomson of Priorletham, Fifeshire. *Died* in Florida, 14th July 1841, aged 52, unmarried.
- THOMSON, DAVID.** 12th March 1788.
Apprentice to John Syme.—Son of Alexander Thomson, Accountant of Excise. *Died* 28th February 1837, aged 73. *Mar.*
- THOMSON, DAVID, OF HOLEKETTLE AND ORKIE.** 19th June 1812.
Apprentice to Robert Hill.—Son of John Thomson of Holekettle, Fifeshire. *Born* 1784. *Died* 12th January 1853. *Mar.* 25th May 1829, Lillias, eldest daughter of — Milner, Boghall.
- THOMSON, EDWARD PETER.** 20th October 1885.
Apprentice to Robert Russell Simpson.—Son of the Rev. Edward Anderson Thomson, Minister of Free St. Stephen's Church, Edinburgh. *Born* 8th June 1861. *Mar.* 31st January 1889, Mary Lamond Haig, second daughter of William Lindsay Christie, Assistant Keeper General Register of Sasines, Edinburgh.
- THOMSON, FRANCIS.** 16th August 1671.
Apprentice to William Thomson, his brother.—Son of William Thomson of Augustoun.

THOMSON, GEORGE MONRO.

21st October 1874.

Apprentice to James Lindesay, Jun.—Son of the Rev. John Thomson, Minister of Balmerino, Fife. *Born* 12th February 1851.

THOMSON, JAMES, OF BOGIE.

21st November 1777.

Apprentice to James Chalmers.—Son of John Thomson, Merchant in Cupar. *Died* 25th October 1831, aged 82. *Mar.* 24th July 1809, Helen, daughter of Patrick Moncrieff of Reidie, Fifeshire.

THOMSON, JOHN.

Signs Minute of 17th January 1606, and the Acts 26th December 1627.

THOMSON, JOHN, OF CHARLTON.

15th October 1705.

Apprentice to Robert Carstairs.—*Died* December 1738. *Mar.* 28th January 1709, Rachel, daughter of John Brymer of Edrom, Berwickshire.

THOMSON, THOMAS.

6th March 1834.

Apprentice to (1) Sir James Gibson-Craig; and (2) John Dundas and William Wilson.—Son of John Thomson, Cashier of the Royal Bank, Edinburgh. *Born* 11th June 1807. *Died* 6th July 1877. *Mar.* 8th July 1851, Elizabeth, daughter of Alexander Cleghorn, Inspector of Imports and Exports for Scotland.

THOMSON, WILLIAM.

29th June 1661.

Apprentice to Robert Alexander.—Son of William Thomson, Portioner of Angustoun. *Died* March 1693. *Mar.* 7th November 1664, Margaret Young, Lyon-Depute, 1666.

THOMSON, WILLIAM.

9th February 1681.

Apprentice to, and only son of, William Thomson, W.S.—*Died* 12th January 1708, aged 56. *Mar.* September 1698, Jean, daughter of John Mason, Merchant, Edinburgh.

THOMSON, WILLIAM.

19th March 1888.

Apprentice to T. E. O. Horne, Thomas Horne, and David Lyell.—Son of Andrew Thomson of Mainhill, Roxburghshire. *Born* 19th May 1864.

THOMSON, WILLIAM GIBSON.

20th December 1827.

Apprentice to Sir James Gibson-Craig.—Second son of John Thomson, Merchant in Edinburgh. *Died* 25th January 1832, aged 28, unmarried.

THORBURN, KENNETH MACKENZIE.

18th June 1829.

Apprentice to Thomas Corrie and Thomas Welsh.—Son of the Rev. William Thorburn, Minister of Traquair. *Died* 1852, aged 47, unmarried.

THORBURN, THOMAS.

5th July 1821.

Apprentice to John Russell.—Son of Thomas Thorburn, Tanner in Dumfries. *Born* 1797. *Died* 30th July 1872. *Mar.* 7th May 1861, Margaret Johnston,

THRESHIE, DAVID SCOTT.

16th November 1819.

Apprentice to William Bell.—Son of Robert Threshie of Barnbarroch, Writer in Dumfries. *Born* 1796. *Died* 18th November 1878. *Mar.* (1) 1816, Jean, eldest daughter of John Crawford, Merchant in Leith; (2) 9th February 1829, Penelope Gordon, widow of Patrick Duff of Carnousie; and (3) 6th June 1854, Eliza Bird, youngest daughter of Charles Ray Martin, Bengal Civil Service.

TINNING, JOHN.

16th June 1796.

Apprentice to John Macnab.—Son of Francis Tinning, Tobacconist in Glasgow. *Died* 15th December 1808.

TOD, ALEXANDER.

20th February 1834.

Apprentice to, and second son of, John Tod, W.S.—*Born* 23d June 1810. *Died* 8th November 1883, unmarried.

TOD, ARCHIBALD, OF DRYGRANGE.

3d July 1781.

Apprentice to, and eldest son of, Thomas Tod, W.S.—*Born* 31st May 1758. *Died* 20th April 1816. *Mar.* 1st February 1802, Elizabeth, third daughter of Sir James Pringle of Stichell, Bart.

TOD, GEORGE.

Mar. Margaret Porterfield, who died about 1635.

TOD, HENRY.

11th December 1823.

Apprentice to John Campbell, Jun.—Son of Henry Tod, Merchant in Edinburgh. *Died* 31st October 1871, aged 73. *Mar.* 4th June 1832, Isabella, daughter of James Blyth.

TOD, HENRY.

17th January 1861.

Apprentice to, and son of, Henry Tod, W.S.—*Born* 19th March 1836. *Mar.* (1) 2d June 1869, Margaret, second daughter of Robert Walker, Hillside, Portlethen; and (2) 19th April 1877, Margaret Louisa, daughter of John Moir, M.D., Edinburgh.

TOD, HEW.

Mentioned 15th November 1633.

TOD, HUGH.

17th November 1814.

Apprentice to James Robertson.—Son of William Tod, Factor to the Duke of Gordon. *Born* 1780. *Died* 3d October 1857, unmarried.

TOD, JAMES, OF DEANSTON.

29th November 1820.

Apprentice to David Wemyss.—Son of James Tod, sometime Merchant at Bo'ness, and afterwards at Hope Park, Edinburgh. *Died* 26th March 1858. *Mar.* 27th July 1830, Susan, daughter of James Mercer of Scotsbank, Selkirkshire.

TOD, JOHN.

5th May 1796.

Apprentice to, and son of, Thomas Tod, W.S.—*Born* 9th March 1773. *Died* 24th December 1856. *Mar.* 9th April 1808, Helen, daughter of Alexander Duff of Hatton, Aberdeenshire.

- TOD, JOHN ROBERT. 16th November 1837.
Apprentice to, and third son of, John Tod, W.S.—*Born* 14th February 1814.
Died 29th July 1856. *Mar.* 17th August 1841, Jemima, youngest daughter of
Richard Wharton Duff of Orton, Elginshire.
- TOD, JOHN WHARTON. 27th May 1869.
Apprentice to Thomas Graham Murray.—Only son of John Robert Tod, W.S.
Born 10th April 1845. *Mar.* 5th October 1869, Margaret Mary, second daughter
of John Ord Mackenzie of Dolphinton, W.S.
- TOD, THOMAS, OF DRYGRANGE. 3d February 1755.
Apprentice to Samuel Mitchelson.—Second son of Archibald Tod, Writer in Edin-
burgh. *Born* 6th December 1726. *Died* 5th December 1800. *Mar.* November
1755, Jean, daughter of James Gartshore, W.S.
- TOD, WILLIAM. 20th December 1821.
Apprentice to Roger Aytoun.—Second son of William Tod, Surgeon in Lanark.
Died 27th November 1866, aged 70, unmarried.
- TRAIL, ANTHONY. 7th July 1829.
Apprentice to John Irving.—Son of Thomas Trail, Merchant in Montrose. *Died*
27th September 1866, aged 64. *Mar.*
- TRAIL, JOHN, ARBUTHNOTT, OF WOODWICK, LL.B. 14th November 1872.
Apprentice to Patrick Dalmahoy and John Cowan.—Son of the Rev. Samuel
Trail, D.D., Minister of Harray and Birsay, afterwards Professor of Systematic
Theology in the University of Aberdeen. *Born* 23d June 1846.
- TRAQUAIR, WILLIAM. 13th November 1834.
Apprentice to James Pedie.—Son of William Traquair, Builder in Edinburgh.
Born 1st May 1810.
- TRAQUAIR, WILLIAM. 27th June 1878.
Apprentice to William Traquair, his uncle.—Son of Ramsay Heatley Traquair,
Farmer at Colinton. *Born* 23d November 1851. *Mar.* 11th June 1884, Cecilia
Ross, only daughter of William Munro of Marchbank, Mid-Lothian.
- TROTTER, GEORGE.
Third son of Robert Trotter, of Catchelraw, lived to a great age, and died about
1640.
- TROTTER, GEORGE. 3d January 1634.
Apprentice to John Learmonth.—*Mar.* Jean, daughter of Mr. William King,
Minister of Cramond.
- TROTTER, JOHN. 10th March 1664.
Apprentice to George Trotter, his uncle.—*Died* May 1672.

- TROTTER, ROBERT, OF CASTLELAW AND THE BUSH. 8th August 1774.
Apprentice to John Syme.—Eldest son of Archibald Trotter, Merchant in Edinburgh. *Died* 3d July 1807. *Mar.* 1787, Ann, only daughter of John Trotter of Castleshiels, Berwickshire. Postmaster of Scotland, 1802-7.
- TROTTER, THOMAS. 26th June 1789.
Apprentice to David Steuart.—Fourth son of Thomas Trotter of Mortonhall, Mid-Lothian. *Died* 26th April 1837.
- TROTTER, THOMAS, OF DEWAR. 18th December 1823.
Apprentice to William Bell.—Son of Young Trotter of Broomhouse, Berwickshire. *Died* 16th December 1848, unmarried.
- TURNBULL, DAVID. 24th February 1809.
Apprentice to Roger Aytoun.—Fifth son of Patrick Turnbull, Farmer in Myles. *Born* 1781. *Died* 21st September 1854. *Mar.* 27th September 1813, Elizabeth, daughter of John Logan of New Edrom, Berwickshire.
- TURNBULL, DAVID. 19th July 1872.
Apprentice to Alexander Hamilton and George Thomas Kinneir.—Only son of Patrick Turnbull, W.S. *Born* 24th May 1847. *Mar.* 1st December 1871, Mary, daughter of Allan Gilmour of Lundin and Montrave, Fifeshire.
- TURNBULL, GEORGE, OF BALGLASSIE. 1st June 1696.
Apprentice to Henry Graham.—*Died* 11th January 1726. *Mar.* Catherine Garden.
- TURNBULL, GEORGE, OF DALLADIES. 25th June 1733.
Apprentice to Harry Maule.—*Died* 30th April 1760. *Mar.* Jean —.
- TURNBULL, GEORGE, OF ABBEY ST. BATHANS. 8th February 1816.
Apprentice to John Renton.—Eldest son of John Turnbull of Abbey St. Bathans, Berwickshire. *Died* 26th February 1855, aged 62. *Mar.* 15th August 1817, Grace, youngest daughter of James Brunton of Lugton, Bridgend, Mid-Lothian.
- TURNBULL, GEORGE GILLON. 15th July 1885.
Apprentice to John Turnbull, his uncle.—Eldest son of James Turnbull, W.S. *Born* 6th September 1858.
- TURNBULL, JAMES. 12th November 1857.
Apprentice to John Turnbull.—Second son of George Turnbull, W.S. *Born* 12th August 1828. Drowned off Aberdour 12th May 1887. *Mar.* (1) 17th November 1857, Mary Ann, youngest daughter of William Downe Gillon of Wallhouse, Linlithgowshire; and (2) 29th January 1867, Jane, daughter of John Corse Scott of Sinton, Roxburghshire.
- TURNBULL, JOHN, OF ABBEY ST. BATHANS. 18th November 1841.
Apprentice to, and eldest son of, George Turnbull, W.S.—*Born* 3d March 1820.

- TURNBULL, PATRICK.** 20th November 1845.
Apprentice to, and son of, David Turnbull, W.S.—*Born* 14th August 1815. *Mar.* 28th July 1846, Martha, daughter of John Ord of Muirhouselaw.
- TURNER, JOHN, OF TURNERHALL.** 9th July 1824.
Apprentice to Francis Brodie and George Imlach.—Eldest son of Keith Turner of Turnerhall, Aberdeenshire. *Born* 22d July 1796. *Died* 2d August 1834. *Mar.* 23d September 1820, Elizabeth Helen, youngest daughter of Captain William Urquhart, 30th Regiment.
- TWEEDIE, JOHN.** 23d November 1795.
Apprentice to Andrew Hamilton.—Son of James Tweedie, Tenant in Dreva, Peeblesshire. *Died* 18th March 1847, aged 80, unmarried. Keeper of the Minute-Book of Court, 1830-47.
- TYNTO, JAMES.** 18th May 1649.
Died April 1655. *Mar.* 15th August 1644, Catherine Dick.
- TYRBET, or TARBET, JOHN.**
Mentioned 1606.
- TYTLER, JAMES.** 24th November 1774.
Apprentice to, and second son of, William Tytler, W.S.—*Died* 20th July 1778.
- TYTLER, JAMES, OF WOODHOUSELEE.** 8th March 1803.
Apprentice to Richard Hotchkis.—Second son of Alexander Fraser Tytler of Woodhouselee, Mid-Lothian, one of the Senators of the College of Justice. *Born* 9th October 1780. *Died* 10th October 1862. *Mar.* 12th August 1810, Elizabeth, daughter of Maurice Carmichael of Eastend, Lanarkshire. Lyon-Depute, 2d June 1827. Crown Agent, 1829-32, 1834-35, 1841-46, 1852-53.
- TYTLER, JAMES STUART FRASER, OF WOODHOUSELEE, LL.D.** 8th Nov. 1849.
Apprentice to, and eldest surviving son of, James Tytler of Woodhouselee, W.S.—*Born* 5th August 1820. *Mar.* 8th August 1850, Mary Elizabeth, only child of Alexander Blair, Treasurer of Bank of Scotland. Professor of Conveyancing in the University of Edinburgh, 28th May 1866.
- TYTLER, JAMES WILLIAM FRASER.** 27th July 1881.
Apprentice to A. Howe, J. S. Tytler, and W. Macgillivray.—Son of James Stuart Fraser Tytler, W.S. *Born* 28th February 1854. *Mar.* 28th July 1883, Christian Alice Scott, daughter of William Scott-Kerr of Sunlaws, Roxburghshire.
- TYTLER, WILLIAM, OF WOODHOUSELEE.** 5th October 1742.
Apprentice to William Forbes.—Son of Alexander Tytler, Writer in Edinburgh. *Born* 12th October 1711. *Died* 12th September 1792. *Mar.* 1745, Anne, daughter of James Craig of Costerton and Dalnair, W.S. Treasurer, 1788-92. Author of *An Inquiry, Historical and Critical, into the Evidence produced by the Earls of Moray and Morton against Mary Queen of Scots*, 1760, and other works.

- URE, GEORGE INNES. 1st July 1822.
Apprentice to Alexander Dallas.—Second son of James Ure, Collector of Customs at Alloa. *Born* 1796. *Died* 31st January 1843, unmarried.
- URE, JAMES, OF SHIRGARTOUN. 18th December 1701.
Apprentice to John Cuningham.—Son of James Ure of Shirgartoun, Perthshire, a noted Covenanter. *Died* before 1743.
- URE, MASTERTON. 2d July 1799.
Apprentice to J. A. Higgins.—Fourth son of the Rev. Robert Ure, Minister of Airth. *Died* 1863, aged 87, unmarried. M.P. for Weymouth, 1813-32.
- URMSTON, CHARLES HANSON. 18th March 1889.
Apprentice to Matthew M. Bell.—Son of Captain William Brabazon Urmston, R.N. *Born* 1st May 1862.
- URQUHART, H.
Signs the Acts 4th April 1607.
- URQUHART, LEONARD. 14th July 1735.
Apprentice to Robert Dalrymple of Dreghorn.—*Died* 7th December 1786.
- URQUHART, WILLIAM. 19th December 1767.
Apprentice to, and son of, Leonard Urquhart, W.S.—*Died* January 1783.
- USHER, JOHN. 17th January 1822.
Apprentice to John Tod.—Eldest son of Thomas Usher, Farmer at Courthill, Roxburghshire. *Died* 29th March 1864, aged 70, unmarried.
- VEACHE, or WAITCHE, HENRY.
Signs Acts 26th December 1627. *Mar.* 30th January 1628, Geilles Archibald.
- VEITCH, GEORGE, OF RATHO BANK. 21st December 1809.
Apprentice to Thomas Cranston.—Only son of George Veitch, Architect in Edinburgh. *Born* 1787. *Died* 16th October 1826. *Mar.* 13th July 1811, Mary, daughter of John Pitcairn of Pitcairns, Perthshire.
- VEITCH, JOHN. 28th June 1827.
Apprentice to Thomas Richardson.—Third son of Henry Veitch of Eliock, one of the Commissioners of H.M. Customs for Scotland. *Born* 12th September 1802. *Died* 12th March 1830, unmarried.
- VEITCH, THOMAS LOUGHNAN. 11th July 1833.
Apprentice to Alexander Hunter.—Fourth son of Henry Veitch of Eliock, Dumfriesshire. *Born* 29th July 1804. *Died* 6th February 1841, unmarried.
- VEITCH, WILLIAM, OF ELIOCK. 13th December 1723.
Apprentice to John Frank.—Son of Alexander Veitch of Lyne, Merchant and Burgess of Peebles. *Born* 2d January 1671. *Died* 25th October 1747. *Mar.* Christian, daughter of Gavin Thomson, Provost of Peebles.

- WADDELL, ALEXANDER PEDDIE, OF BALQUHATSTON. 18th December 1856.
Apprentice to, and son of, James Peddie, W.S.—*Born* 19th August 1832. *Mar.* 6th September 1864, Georgina Catherine, eldest daughter of George Waddell, W.S., of Balquhatston, Stirlingshire, whose name he assumed.
- WADDELL, GEORGE, OF BALLOCHNIE AND BALQUHATSTON. 17th November 1815.
Apprentice to (1) John Tinning; and (2) J. A. Higgins.—Eldest son of George Waddell of Ballochnie, Lanarkshire. *Died* 10th March 1850, aged 62. *Mar.* 1st October 1844, Elizabeth Gaston, eldest surviving daughter of John Brand Ralston, of Glenellrigg, Stirlingshire.
- WADDELL, WILLIAM, OF EASTER MOFFAT. 14th June 1814.
Apprentice to (1) John Tinning; (2) Masterton Ure.—Youngest son of George Waddell of Ballochnie. *Born* 15th November 1788. *Died* 14th March 1876. *Mar.* 19th August 1829, Margaret, eldest daughter of Archibald Campbell of Melfort, Argyllshire. Solicitor to Board of Ordnance.
- WADDELL, WILLIAM N. 10th February 1825.
Apprentice to John K. Campbell and Andrew Clason.—Son of James Waddell, Writer in Edinburgh. *Died* 3d September 1834 aged 33, unmarried. Resident Magistrate at Albany, Cape Colony.
- WALKER, FRANCIS.
See DRUMMOND, SIR FRANCIS WALKER.
- WALKER, JAMES, OF DALRY. 2d July 1771.
Apprentice to Thomas Tod.—Third son of Francis Walker of Mainhill, East Lothian. *Died* 9th May 1817. *Mar.* (1) 13th July 1780, Jane Hay, third daughter of Richard Newton of that ilk; and (2) 21st October 1797, Marion Ann, daughter of Dr. John Hope, Professor of Botany in the University of Edinburgh. Principal Clerk of Session, 15th November 1803, till death.
- WALKER, JAMES. 7th July 1824.
Apprentice to John Tod.—Only son of Alexander Walker, residing in Edinburgh. *Died* 20th May 1881. *Mar.* 19th November 1838, Ann Sophia, daughter of John Reade of Halbroke House, Suffolk.
- WALKER, JAMES. 25th June 1829.
Apprentice to Alexander Hunter.—Eldest son of James Walker, Captain in the East India Company's Service. *Died* 8th February 1831.
- WALKER, JOHN. 29th June 1838.
Apprentice to William Scott, G. L. Finlay, and W. C. Balderston.—Son of William Walker, of Jamaica. *Born* 12th November 1815. *Died* 27th October 1879. *Mar.* 9th June 1853, Margaret, daughter of Francis Maxwell of Gribton, Dumfriesshire.

- WALKER, ROBERT, OF WOODEN. 28th June 1787.
Apprentice to Alexander Keith.—Eldest son of Adam Walker of Wooden, Roxburghshire. *Died* 18th July 1825. *Mar.*
- WALKER, WILLIAM, OF DAFFMILN AND PITLAIR. 23d November 1795.
Apprentice to Alexander Abercromby.—Son of James Walker of Daffmiln, Fifeshire. *Died* 10th June 1845, aged 80. *Mar.* 17th April 1798, Magdalen, eldest daughter of the Rev. William Walker, Minister of Collessie, Fifeshire.
- WALLACE, ANDREW. 28th June 1736.
Apprentice to Robert Fullarton.—*Died* 10th October 1764. *Mar.* 26th November 1758, Janet, daughter of James Law of Brunton.
- WALLACE, ARTHUR CHARLES. 24th October 1879.
Apprentice to W. J. Menzies and H. J. Coventry.—Son of George Wallace, Solicitor in Fraserburgh. *Born* 18th May 1853. *Died* 5th January 1884, unmarried.
- WALLACE, EBENEZER. 11th July 1832.
Apprentice to John Renton and Joseph Grant.—Son of James Wallace, Gunmaker in Edinburgh. *Born* 9th April 1807. *Died* 31st July 1884. *Mar.* 2d December 1846, Isabella, youngest daughter of Ralph Hardie, Currie House, Borthwick.
- WALLACE, EDWARD. 17th January 1683.
Apprentice to John Alexander.—*Mar.* 19th April 1682, Euphan Mure.
- WALLACE, HUGH, OF INGLISTOUN. 10th March 1664.
Apprentice to (1) John Rowan; and (2) William Hunter.—Son of William Wallace of Mainholm. *Died* 4th February 1724. *Mar.* (1) 4th August 1665, Margaret, daughter of Scott of Bavelaw, Mid-Lothian; and (2) Mary Sym. Fiscal, 1671-78. Aid-Lieutenant of the College of Justice Company that proceeded against rebels in the West. His Majesty's Cash-keeper. M.P. for Kirkcudbright Stewartry, 1685-86; Kintore, 1689-93.
- WALLACE, JAMES CLERK. 15th November 1838.
Apprentice to John and William Home.—Son of Alexander Wallace of Auchinvole, Dumbartonshire. *Born* 16th June 1813. *Died* 23d March 1881. *Mar.* 27th August 1839, Margaret Sommerville, third daughter of Marcus Smith, Surgeon, 51st Regiment.
- WALLACE, ROBERT.
Signs the Acts 26th December 1627. *Died* 1660.
- WALLACE, ROBERT, OF HOLMSTONE. 29th January 1701.
Apprentice to Robert Craufurd of Craufurdstoun.—Eldest son of John Wallace of Holmstone, Ayrshire. *Born* 19th June 1670. *Died* 24th March 1752. *Mar.* 17th January 1693, Elizabeth, daughter of William Crichton, Sheriff-Depute of Ayr. Commissary of Wigtown. Sheriff-Depute of Ayrshire, 1737.

- WALLACE, ROBERT, OF SAUCHRIE.** 25th February 1723.
Apprentice to Robert Wallace of Holmstone.—Son of Robert Wallace of Cairnhill, Ayrshire. Baptized 9th February 1693. *Died* February 1767. *Mar.* 4th April 1723, Anne, eldest daughter of Patrick Fullarton, younger of Fullarton, Ayrshire. Fiscal, 1729-32.
- WALLACE, ROBERT PATERSON, OF HOLMSTONE.** 30th August 1736.
Apprentice to Robert Wallace of Holmstone, his uncle.—*Died* 11th December 1779, aged 71. *Mar.* Elizabeth Houston.
- WALLACE, ROBERT WALKER.** 18th July 1877.
Apprentice to James Peddie and Alexander Peddie Waddell.—Son of Andrew Wallace, Coalmaster, Dunfermline. *Born* 28th April 1853. *Mar.* 17th August 1881, Mary Parker, only daughter of Rev. J. T. Willoughby of Leamington.
- WALLACE, THOMAS WATT.** 21st July 1875.
Apprentice to Ebenezer Wallace, his uncle.—Son of George Wallace, Merchant in Leith. *Born* 19th December 1849.
- WALLACE, WILLIAM.** 8th December 1808.
Apprentice to Thomas Grierson.—Son of Captain Thomas Wallace of Newton, Ayrshire. *Died* 22d February 1864, aged 79. *Mar.* 8th March 1824, Zelica Cheshire, widow of Lieutenant Donald Grant.
- WALTON, JOHN WILLIAM JACKSON.** 11th April 1887.
Apprentice to George Dunlop.—Son of William Roger Walton, residing at Murraybank House, Murrayfield. *Born* 28th February 1863.
- WARDLAW, DAVID.** 13th November 1856.
Apprentice to James Thomson Gibson-Craig.—Eldest son of David Brown Wardlaw of Gogarmount, Mid-Lothian, H.E.I.C.S. *Born* 15th June 1831.
- WARDLAW, JOHN.**
Commissioner, 16th December 1594. *Died* before 1610.
- WARDLAW, JOHN FLEMING.** 11th December 1828.
Apprentice to William Renny.—Son of David Wardlaw, Writer in Edinburgh. *Born* 1806. *Died* 4th May 1871. *Mar.* 27th November 1832, Ann Macnab, eldest daughter of Andrew Stevens, S.S.C. Was a Clergyman in Cumberland.
- WARDROP, JAMES CHARLES.** 14th July 1879.
Apprentice to William Wilson.—Son of Maitland Wardrop, Architect in Edinburgh. *Born* 2d August 1854. *Mar.* 19th December 1884, Elizabeth Evelyn, second daughter of J. T. Hopwood, M.P. of Ketton Hall, Rutland.
- WARRENDER, HUGH.** 8th May 1798.
Apprentice to John Davidson.—Second son of George Warrender of Bruntfield, Edinburgh. *Died* 8th June 1820. Deputy-Keeper of the Signet, 1797-20. Crown Agent, 1800-20.

- WATKINS, JOHN.** 23d January 1818.
Apprentice to Walter Cook.—Youngest son of Thomas Watkins, Merchant in Linlithgow. *Died* 4th March 1858, aged 64. *Mar.* 23d March 1831, Isabella, daughter of William Clark of East Woodside.
- WATSON, ANDREW, OF BRIDGECastle.** 30th January 1798.
Apprentice to (1) Robert Donaldson; and (2) Charles Young.—Only son of James Watson of Bridgecastle, Writer in Linlithgow. *Died* 27th October 1837, aged 68. *Mar.* 7th August 1809, Harriet, daughter of John Maxwell of Cardoness, Kirkcudbrightshire.
- WATSON, ANDREW, OF TORSONCE.** 18th November 1858.
Apprentice to Adam Hay and Robert Pringle.—Son of Hugh Watson, W.S., of Torsonce, Mid-Lothian. *Born* 3d August 1830. *Died* 21st January 1867. *Mar.* 19th July 1853, Camilla Ottlie, daughter of Henry Bate, of Broomfield Place, Ealing, Middlesex.
- WATSON, DAVID, OF SAUGHTON.** 1st June 1655.
Apprentice to Harry Osburn.—Treasurer, 1662-82. *Died* December 1685. *Mar.* Isabel Keltie. Re-admitted 15th February 1661.
- WATSON, GEORGE.**
Died before 1660. Lyon-Clerk, 1630. *Mar.* Catherine Nisbet.
- WATSON, GEORGE.** 25th June 1829.
Apprentice to James Greig.—Son of George Watson, Merchant in Edinburgh. *Born* 17th September 1807. *Died* 24th April 1889. *Mar.* 14th September 1837, Ellen Mary, daughter of the Rev. Thomas Hattam Wilkinson, Clerk in Holy Orders.
- WATSON, GILBERT.** 17th August 1798.
Apprentice to James Hay and Thomas Manners.—Son of David Watson, Banker, Glasgow. *Died* 1837.
- WATSON, GRAHAM GILBERT.** 18th April 1877.
Apprentice to C. Mackenzie, A. D. M. Black, and J. M. Mackenzie.—Fifth son of James Watson, Manager of the Scottish Provident Institution. *Born* 20th September 1854.
- WATSON, HUGH, OF TORSONCE.** 19th November 1797.
Apprentice to Allan Macdougall.—Eldest son of Samuel Watson, Writer in Edinburgh. *Died* 3d November 1834, aged 62. *Mar.* (1) 19th April 1813, Mary Crichton, daughter of James Kyle, Architect, Edinburgh; and (2) 3d March 1825, Elizabeth Andrevna, only daughter of Andrew Watson of Petrosavodsk, Russia.
- WATSON, JAMES.** 26th November 1770.
Apprentice to Robert Jamieson.—Son of John Watson, Writer in Edinburgh. *Born* 28th June 1747. *Died* 30th September 1805. *Mar.* (1) 25th March 1788, Nicolas, daughter of Thomas Buchan of Auchmacoy, Aberdeenshire; and (2) 13th June 1795, Isabella, daughter of Alexander Milne, Merchant in Leith.

- WATSON, JAMES, OF INCHYRA. 10th December 1829.
Apprentice to Robert Ramsay.—Second son of James Watson, Merchant in Dundee. *Born* 2d May 1805. *Mar.* 14th November 1838, Helen, eldest daughter of John Guthrie, Banker, Brechin.
- WATSON, JAMES STUART. 18th March 1889.
Apprentice to Henry Tod.—Son of the Rev. William Watson, U.P. Minister, Forres. *Born* 1st May 1861.
- WATSON, JOHN. February 1739.
Son of David Watson, Writer in Edinburgh. *Died* 5th November 1762. *Mar.* November 1741, Isabel, daughter of David Mudie, Merchant in Montrose. Substitute-Keeper, 1746-62. He mortified his means and estates to charitable purposes, and from these funds the Institution in Edinburgh called by his name was erected and endowed.
- WATSON, ROBERT. 5th January 1678.
Apprentice to William Chieslie.—*Died* November 1699. *Mar.* Margaret Peebles. Keeper of the Signet, 20th February 1699.
- WATSON, THOMAS. 7th January 1734.
Apprentice to (1) John Inglis; and (2) John Stewart.—*Died* 14th January 1751.
- WATSON, THOMAS WILLIAM. 14th July 1890.
Apprentice to C. B. Logan, J. W. Moncreiff, and G. G. Soote.—Son of John Watson of Earnock. *Born* 31st October 1864.
- WATSON, WILLIAM, OF PILMUIR. 3d December 1729.
Apprentice to (1) John Inglis; and (2) John Lumsdaine.—*Died* 18th October 1758. *Mar.* Isabella Robertson.
- WATSON, WILLIAM. 10th July 1820.
Apprentice to Andrew Storie.—Son of William Watson, Farmer at Liberton Mains. *Born* 1795. *Died* 12th May 1887. *Mar.* 22d September 1830, Marion, daughter of John Weir. Sheriff-Substitute at Aberdeen, 1829-66.
- WATT, ADAM. 27th May 1629.
Apprentice to David Anderson.—*Died* about 1664.
- WATT, GEORGE. 24th February 1825.
Apprentice to John and Alexander Smith.—Only son of George Watt of Old Deer. *Died* 6th September 1832, aged 31, unmarried.
- WAUCHOPE, ANDREW. 14th November 1839.
Apprentice to Andrew Smith.—Eldest son of George Wauchope, Wine Merchant in Leith. *Born* 20th May 1817. *Mar.* 24th April 1844, Anne Montagu Scott, daughter of John Boyd of Broadmeadows, Selkirkshire.

- WAUCHOPE, JOHN.** 24th June 1774.
Apprentice to John Mackenzie of Delvine.—Youngest son of Andrew Wauchope of Niddry, Mid-Lothian. *Born* 1751. *Died* 10th February 1828. *Mar.* Ann Cockburn, daughter of Colonel Charles Craigie Halkett, of the Dutch Service.
- WAUCHOPE, PATRICK HAMILTON DON.** 29th October 1888.
Apprentice to George Dalziel.—Third son of Sir John Don Wauchope, Bart., of Edmonstone, Mid-Lothian. *Born* 1st May 1863.
- WAUGH, JOHN JAMES, B.L.** 28th October 1889.
Apprentice to J. O. Mackenzie, H. Cheyne, and John Kermack.—Son of Robert Somerville Waugh, Edinburgh. *Born* 4th March 1864.
- WEBSTER, FRANCIS.** 18th November 1830.
Apprentice to Messrs. Campbell and Arnott.—Sixth son of the Rev. John Webster, Minister of Inverarity. *Born* 4th November 1804. *Died* 12th September 1888. *Mar.* 27th November 1833, Jane, daughter of Captain E. H. Adams, 55th Regiment.
- WEBSTER, GEORGE.** 29th November 1821.
Apprentice to John A. Campbell.—Son of the Rev. John Webster, Minister of Inverarity. *Born* 28th March 1800. *Died* 19th August 1882. *Mar.* 20th September 1836, Margaret Isabella, daughter of Alexander M'Callum of Hanover, Jamaica. Sheriff-Clerk at Forfar, 1854-82.
- WEDDERBURN, GEORGE.** 30th January 1840.
Apprentice to Walter Cook.—Second son of Right Hon. James Wedderburn, Solicitor-General for Scotland. *Born* 25th March 1817. *Died* 1st May 1865, unmarried.
- WEDDERBURN, JOSEPH ROBERT MACLAGAN.** 18th October 1876.
Apprentice to Robert Craigie Bell.—Son of the Rev. James Maclagan, D.D., Professor of Divinity in the Free Church College, Aberdeen, and Mrs. K. Maclagan Wedderburn of Pearsie, Forfarshire. *Born* 16th October 1850.
- WEIR, JAMES.** 9th May 1668.
Apprentice to John Semple.—Son of James Weir, Tenementar Burgess of Hamilton. *Died* 1687. *Mar.* December 1671, Marjory Barclay.
- WEIR, MATTHEW.** 9th July 1816.
Apprentice to William Inglis.—Eldest son of James Weir, Baker in Leith. *Died* 27th August 1856, aged 68. *Mar.* 17th March 1823, Janet, eldest daughter of William Spottiswoode, Claywhat, Perthshire.
- WEIR, THOMAS.** 9th July 1818.
Apprentice to John Murray.—Second son of Thomas Weir, Writer in Edinburgh. *Died* 2d June 1849, aged 57. *Mar.* 13th December 1822, Lillias Gray, second daughter of John Orr, Edinburgh.

- WELSH, DAVID, OF COLLIN.** 31st January 1812.
Apprentice to James Gilchrist.—Son of Robert Welsh of Collin, Kirkeudbrightshire. *Died* 23d May 1857, aged 68. *Mar.* 20th February 1824, Margaret, daughter of Colonel Andrew Ross, 21st Regiment.
- WELSH, HENRY.** 29th June 1786.
Apprentice to John Syme.—Son of John Welsh, Tenant in Morton Mains. *Died* 1821.
- WELSH, JOHN.** 3d July 1770.
Apprentice to Andrew Stuart.—Only son of James Welsh, Goldsmith in Edinburgh. *Mar.* 23d April 1772, Primrose, only daughter of Woodroff Gascoigne. Resigned his Commission 13th June 1779.
- WELSH, JOHN.** 16th November 1812.
Apprentice to John Tweedie.—Third son of William Welsh of Mossfennan, Peeblesshire. *Died* 5th June 1843, aged 57, unmarried. Sheriff-Clerk of Peeblesshire, 1820-43.
- WEMYSS, DAVID, OF PITKENNY.** 21st June 1787.
Apprentice to James Walker.—Second son of Alexander Wemyss of Pitkenney. Physician in Kirkcaldy. *Died* 14th May 1839. *Mar.* 25th October 1799, Agnes, daughter of James Lindsay, Merchant in Leith.
- WEMYSS, DAVID.** 26th January 1854.
Apprentice to J. M. Melville, J. F. Walker Drummond, and James Lindesay.—Second son of James Wemyss of Wemyss Hall, Fifeshire. *Born* 1st January 1830. *Mar.* 10th August 1859, Marie, daughter of Colonel De Waldisch, Schaffhausen, Switzerland.
- WEMYSS, SIR JAMES, OF BOGIE, BART.** 23d May 1820.
Apprentice to Robert Jamieson.—Eldest son of the Rev. James Wemyss, Minister of Burntisland. *Born* 1792. *Died* 31st December 1849, unmarried. Succeeded his kinsman as 4th Bart. Depute-Cerk of Session, 16th January 1844 till death.
- WEMYSS, WILLIAM.** 8th March 1763.
Apprentice to (1) Andrew Hay; and (2) Robert Grant.—Eldest son of John Wemyss, Tacksman of Mains of Aberdour. *Died* 29th April 1802. *Mar.* Robina, daughter of James Hamilton of Olivestob, East Lothian.
- WHIGHAM, DAVID, OF CORNLEE.** 22d November 1827.
Apprentice to Alexander Goldie.—Son of Robert Whigham of Hallidayhill, Dumfriesshire. *Born* 1803. *Died* 16th October 1882, unmarried.
- WHIGHAM, GEORGE, OF HALLIDAYHILL.** 20th January 1825.
Apprentice to James Little.—Eldest son of Robert Whigham of Hallidayhill, Dumfriesshire. *Died* 9th January 1842, aged 51. *Mar.* 5th August 1816, Jane, daughter of Robert Anderson, Stravquhan, Dumfriesshire.

- WHITE, ANDREW.** 14th January 1889.
Apprentice to Hew Hamilton Crichton.—Son of Andrew White, Solicitor, Cumnock. *Born* 10th March 1865.
- WHITE, JOHN.** 22d February 1813.
Apprentice to John Mowbray.—Son of Gilbert White, Tailor in Edinburgh. *Died* 25th April 1820, aged 34.
- WHITE, ROBERT.** 13th December 1827.
Apprentice to William Young.—Son of Adam White, Merchant in Leith. *Born* 16th August 1802. *Died* 9th June 1886. *Mar.* 3d June 1852, Anne Reid, daughter of Thomas Macmillan Fogo, M.D. Author of *Treatise on the Knowledge Necessary to Amateurs in Pictures*, translated from the French 1845, and other works.
- WHYT, BAIN.** 10th March 1789.
Apprentice to Robert Jamieson.—Son of John Whyt, Maltster in Halkirk, Caithness. *Died* 26th December 1818, aged 71.
- WHYTE OR QUHYTE, ANTHONY.**
Commissioner, 8th November 1609. Brother of Robert Whyte of Dowald. *Died* August 1634. *Mar.* 7th September 1613, Katherine Kinloch. Clerk to the Incorporations of Chirurgeons. Writer to the Prince, March 1620.
- WIGHT, ALEXANDER.** 4th July 1783.
Apprentice to James Chalmers.—Son of James Wight, Farmer, Duncrahill, East Lothian. *Died* 22d February 1829. *Mar.* (1) Jane, daughter of William McOnochie, Wright in Edinburgh; and (2) 22d September 1826, Catherine, second daughter of Sir James Campbell of Aberuchill, Bart.
- WIGHT, DAVID.** 2d July 1829.
Apprentice to Charles Campbell Stewart.—Second son of David Wight of Ormiston. *Died* 15th June 1860, unmarried.
- WIGHT, JOHN.** 9th July 1819.
Apprentice to (1) John Dundas; and (2) Hugh James Rollo.—Son of Claud Wight, of the Customs, Leith. *Died* 14th May 1836, aged 43. *Mar.*
- WIGHTMAN, JAMES CULLEN SETON.** 21st July 1875.
Apprentice to John M. Lindesay and Alexander Howe.—Son of James Seton Wightman of Courance, Dumfriesshire. *Born* 6th December 1850. *Died* 10th March 1883, unmarried.
- WILKIE, GEORGE, OF BRIDGERHEUGH.** 7th March 1705.
Apprentice to John Wilkie, his brother.—*Mar.* 12th November 1708, Jean, daughter of Thomas Rutherford of that Ilk.
- WILKIE, JAMES.** 26th November 1829.
Apprentice to Alexander Pearson.—Son of John Wilkie, residing at Tannadice, Forfarshire. *Died* 6th April 1834, aged 40, unmarried.

- WILKIE, JOHN. 12th June 1637.
Apprentice to Alexander Douglas.—Re-admitted 21st November 1661.
- WILKIE, JOHN. 12th June 1693.
Apprentice to George Dallas.—*Died* 26th May 1704, aged 34.
- WILLIAMS, REV. HAMILTON JOHN. 5th June 1823.
Apprentice to James and Donald Horne.—Son of Robert Williams of Cerne Abbas, Dorset. *Born* 1797. *Died* 13th December 1879. *Mar.* Margaret, daughter of Thomas Taunton of Wrackelford, Dorset. Vicar of Buckland Dinham, Somerset.
- WILLIAMSON, DAVID. 10th March 1803.
Apprentice to Thomas Cranston.—Son of George Williamson, Messenger in Edinburgh. *Died* 1833.
- WILLIAMSON, DAVID. 29th May 1828.
Apprentice to Thomas Corrie and David Welsh.—Only son of Thomas Williamson, Writer in Dumfries. *Born* 1805. *Died* 21st July 1843, unmarried.
- WILLIAMSON, ROBERT. 1609.
- WILLIAMSON, THOMAS. 1st December 1683.
Apprentice to John Alexander, Sen.—*Died* about 1696. *Mar.* Jean Young.
- WILSON, CHARLES. 21st November 1867.
Apprentice to Charles Morton.—Son of John Wilson, Farmer at Tochineal, Banffshire, Factor for the Earl of Seafield. *Born* 7th March 1842.
- WILSON, DAVID. 28th June 1821.
Apprentice to Sir James Gibson-Craig.—Second son of John Wilson of Transy, Fifeshire. *Died* 31st May 1830.
- WILSON, FRANCIS OF CROGLIN. 6th December 1804.
Apprentice to Sir Henry Jardine.—Son of Ebenezer Wilson, Bookseller in Dumfriesshire. *Born* 1779. *Died* 15th March 1831. *Mar.* Janet Dove.
- WILSON, HENRY.
Son of Robert Wilson, of the city of Dieppe, sometime Merchant in Edinburgh, deprived 27th October 1609, for not keeping an "open buith."
- WILSON, HUTTON. 27th June 1839.
Apprentice to James Hope, Jun.—Son of James Wilson, residing in Edinburgh. *Born* 25th June 1815. *Died* 8th July 1854, unmarried. Depute Sheriff-Clerk of Mid-Lothian, 1843-54.
- WILSON, JAMES.
Signs the Acts 26th December 1627. *Mar.* Janet Coupar.

- WILSON, JAMES. 1st July 1825.
Apprentice to William Patrick.—Son of John Wilson, Vintner in Beith. *Died*
16th December 1836, aged 39, unmarried.
- WILSON, JAMES. 14th November 1833.
Apprentice to William Renny.—Son of James Wilson, Sheriff-Clerk of Mid-
Lothian. *Born* 16th August 1809. *Died* 10th June 1866, unmarried.
- WILSON, JOHN COLIN. 23d May 1820.
Apprentice to Thomas Cranston and George Veitch.—Second son of the Rev.
John Wilson, Minister of Lesmahagow. *Died* 27th December 1837, aged 42.
Mar. 29th May 1822, Jane Ewart, daughter of Thomas Peat, W.S.
- WILSON, PATRICK. 5th January 1654.
- WILSON, PATRICK. 18th December 1834.
Apprentice to William Young.—Son of Robert Wilson of Bowfield. *Born* 6th
December 1809. *Died* 3d June 1885, unmarried.
- WILSON, PETER. 21st May 1829.
Apprentice to Donald Horne.—Son of William Wilson, Banker in Thurso. *Died*
11th May 1852, aged 46, unmarried. Commissary Clerk of Caithness, 1839-52.
- WILSON, ROBERT SYM. 8th February 1816.
Apprentice to John Ferrier.—Fourth son of John Wilson, Merchant in Paisley.
Born 6th March 1792. *Died* 7th May 1868. *Mar.* 26th May 1813, Eliza,
daughter of James Penny of Arrad, Lancashire, Merchant, Liverpool.
- WILSON, THOMAS. 19th July 1872.
Apprentice to James Hope and Robert Mackay.—*Born* 30th October 1835. *Died*
7th June 1878. *Mar.* 23d June 1864, Margaret Ewen.
- WILSON, WILLIAM. 2d October 1697.
Apprentice to James Henderson.—*Born* 1667. *Died* 16th January 1727. *Mar.*
29th August 1706, Jean, second daughter of James Crokatt, Merchant, Edinburgh.
- WILSON, WILLIAM, OF HOWDEN. 15th January 1739.
Apprentice to Alexander Hay.—Eldest son of John Wilson, Bachelor of
Humanity in Edinburgh. *Died* 18th June 1787, aged 77. *Mar.* (1) 3d January
1732, Mary Campbell; and (2) 24th June 1757, Margaret, daughter of Thomas
Young, Merchant in Edinburgh.
- WILSON, WILLIAM. 12th July 1779.
Apprentice to William Wilson.—Only son of Alexander Wilson, Hosier in
Glasgow. *Died* 1st March 1783.

WILSON, WILLIAM.

1st July 1808.

Apprentice to, and third son of, William Wilson of Howden, W.S.—*Born* 22d September 1767. *Died* 5th July 1821. *Mar.* 2d August 1803, Cecilia, daughter of John Gardiner, Merchant in London.

WILSON, WILLIAM.

20th December 1827.

Apprentice to (1) Ralph James Dundas ; and (2) James Dundas.—Eldest son of William Wilson, W.S. *Born* 9th December 1805. *Died* 8th July 1880. *Mar.* (1) 4th June 1845, Louisa, daughter of Colin Mackenzie of Portmore ; and (2) 23d November 1876, Caroline, daughter of John Dundas, W.S. Deputy-Keeper of the Great Seal, 1846-52.

WILSON, WILLIAM BOLDEN.

12th January 1885.

Apprentice to William Wilson, his uncle, and Ralph Dundas.—Son of Admiral Thomas Wilson, C.B. *Born* 22d October 1860.

WINCHESTER, WILLIAM GRANT LUMSDEN.

10th May 1879.

Apprentice to Charles Baxter.—Son of James Webster Winchester, LL.D., Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals, Bombay Army. *Born* 31st January 1855. Clerk to the Admission of Notaries, 1888.

WISHART, ANDREW, LL.B.

12th April 1887.

Apprentice to John Patrick Wright.—Son of John Wishart, Manager, Grange Distillery, Burntisland. *Born* 25th August 1859.

WISHART, ARCHIBALD.

13th November 1817.

Apprentice to Robert Dundas.—Son of William Thomas Wishart of Foxhall. *Born* 1786. *Died* 7th August 1853. *Mar.* 14th July 1836, Brodie Gordon, daughter of Rev. Dr. James Simmie, Minister of Rothiemay. Deputy-Keeper of the Register of Sasines.

WISHART, PATRICK, OF FOXHALL.

9th July 1802.

Apprentice to James Balfour.—Fourth son of William Thomas Wishart of Foxhall, Linlithgowshire. *Born* 25th June 1776. *Died* 26th November 1831. *Mar.* 23d March 1807, Margaret, second daughter of Alexander Robertson of Prendergust, Berwickshire.

WOOD, SIR ALEXANDER, K.C.M.G.

8th March 1796.

Apprentice to John Wauchope.—Second son of Alexander Wood, Surgeon in Edinburgh. *Died* 18th March 1847. *Mar.* Christian, eldest daughter of Sir William Forbes of Pitsligo, Bart. Secretary, Ionian Islands.

WOOD, ALEXANDER.

30th November 1850.

Apprentice to Anderson and Trotter.—Son of Alexander Wood, Advocate. *Born* 25th May 1821. *Died* 21st May 1852, unmarried.

- WOOD, ARTHUR BENJAMIN CARTWRIGHT. 13th April 1885.
Apprentice to Donald Beith and Andrew Forrester.—Son of Thomas Wood, sometime Provost of Portobello. *Born* 24th June 1860.
- WOOD, GEORGE JOHN. 18th April 1877.
Apprentice to T. G. Murray and J. A. Jamieson.—Fourth son of Andrew Wood, M.D., LL.D., Edinburgh. *Born* 9th September 1853. *Mar.* 21st July 1887, Mary Balfour, eldest surviving daughter of William Robertson of Auchinroath, Elginshire, and granddaughter of the Hon. Lord Ardmillan.
- WOOD, JOHN GEORGE. 5th March 1829.
Apprentice to John Tod.—Eldest son of John Philip Wood, Auditor of Excise, Edinburgh. *Born* 5th April 1804. *Died* 14th September 1865. *Mar.* 16th October 1846, Margaret, daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel George Cadell, H.E.I.C.S.
- WOOD, JOHN PHILIP. 29th June 1871.
Apprentice to Patrick Dalmahoy and John Cowan.—Eldest son of John George Wood, W.S. *Born* 12th September 1847. *Mar.* 12th April 1882, Margaret Ellinor, daughter of Hugh Lyon Tennent, Advocate.
- WOODMAN, JAMES LINNING. 21st November 1833.
Apprentice to Michael Linning.—Eldest son of Dr. James Woodman, Physician at Bognor, Sussex. *Born* 27th September 1811. *Died* 1st February 1856. *Mar.* 1st March 1854, Ursilla Katherine, eldest daughter of William Bruce of Symbister, Shetland.
- WORDSWORTH, SAMUEL. 5th March 1829.
Apprentice to (1) Archibald Crawford; and (2) Peter Couper.—Son of Samuel Wordsworth, residing in Nottingham. *Died* 24th November 1855, aged 50. *Mar.* 21st November 1844, Frances, third daughter of Robert Young, G.P.O.
- WORMALD, JOSEPH DAWSON. 5th June 1862.
Apprentice to John Hope.—*Born* 4th March 1830. *Died* 29th March 1883. *Mar.* Mary Anderson. Struck off list of Society 21st June 1876.
- WOTHERSPOON, JOHN. 23d November 1827.
Apprentice to John M'Kean and James A. Cheyne.—Son of William Wotherspoon, Accountant in Edinburgh. *Died* 1852, aged 51, unmarried.
- WOTHERSPOON, ROBERT ALEXANDER. 13th March 1849.
Apprentice to Andrew Hill.—Son of William Wotherspoon of Hillside, S.S.C. *Born* 1826. *Died* 11th April 1851, unmarried.
- WRIGHT, JAMES. 7th July 1807.
Apprentice to Sir James Gibson-Craig.—Eldest son of Rev. John Wright, Minister of Scone. *Died* 21st March 1864, aged 81, unmarried.

WRIGHT, JOHN.

15th June 1837.

Apprentice to James Wright.—Eldest son of the Rev. George Wright, Minister of Kingsbarns. *Born* 26th September 1814. *Died* 2d November 1888. *Mar.* 17th October 1865, Jane, second daughter of John Rutherford Greig of Lethangie, Kinross-shire.

WRIGHT, JOHN PATRICK.

24th March 1873.

Apprentice to John Dundas and William Wilson.—Son of James Wright, Secretary, Royal Bank of Scotland. *Born* 6th October 1846. *Mar.* 4th June 1872, Anna, only daughter of Bethune James Walker Morison of Falfield, Fifeshire.

WRIGHT, ROBERT.

22d November 1832.

Apprentice to William Young.—Son of John Wright, Builder in Edinburgh. *Born* 14th February 1807. *Died* 15th August 1846, unmarried.

WRIGHT, THOMAS GUTHRIE.

23d November 1802.

Apprentice to Richard Hotchkis.—Youngest son of Charles Wright, Bookseller in Edinburgh. *Died* at Paris 1st September 1849, aged 72. *Mar.* 22d March 1809, Mary, youngest daughter of Professor John Hill, University of Edinburgh. Auditor of Court of Session, 1806-49.

WYLD, ROBERT STODART, OF GILSTON, LL.D.

12th December 1833.

Apprentice to Adam Gib Ellis.—Eldest son of James Wyld of Gilston, Merchant in Leith. *Born* 16th April 1808. *Mar.* (1) 9th October 1838, Isabella Georgina, daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel Maxwell, of the Belgic Service; and (2) 1st November 1844, Margaret, third daughter of Walter Gibson Cassels, Edinburgh. Author of *The Philosophy of the Senses* and other works.

WYLIE, ALEXANDER.

21st February 1856.

Apprentice to William Waddell.—Fourth son of William Wylie, residing at Paparthills, Shotts, Lanarkshire. *Born* 1st January 1828. *Mar.* 25th September 1866, Janet, eldest daughter of Patrick Jamieson, Merchant in Edinburgh.

WYLIE, DAVID.

Signs Minute of 17th January 1606. *Mar.* Mariota, daughter of Richard Colville, Burgess of Edinburgh.

WYLIE, JAMES, OF ANNATFIELD.

22d November 1799.

Apprentice to Thomas Grierson.—Only son of James Wylie of Cockrigg, Mid-Lothian. *Died* 20th April 1831. *Mar.* 21st July 1812, Elizabeth, youngest daughter of William Macfarlane, W.S.

WYLIE, WILLIAM.

Signs the Minute of 16th December 1594. *Died* before 1621.

WYNRAM, GEORGE, OF OVERGOGAR.

Son of Robert Wynram of Overgogar. Retoured heir to his father, 1610.

WYNRAM, OR WINRAHAM, JAMES.

1st April 1684.

Apprentice to James Hay.—*Mar.* Agnes Auchinleck. Sheriff-Clerk at Duns, 1692.

WYNRAM, ROBERT.

Died 15th January 1628. *Mar.* 24th December 1612, Maria, daughter of William Kellie, W.S.

WYNNAME, JAMES.

Signs Minute of 17th January 1606. *Mar.* Janet Swinton. Keeper of the Signet before 1616.

YEAMAN, ALEXANDER.

15th July 1885.

Apprentice to Alexander Howe, James S. Tytler, and William Macgillivray.—Son of John Yeaman, Junior, Forfar. *Born* 2d March 1852. *Mar.* 12th October 1882, Susan Christina Ursula, daughter of Colonel John W. Auld, H.E.I.C.S.

YORSTOUN, WILLIAM GRIERSON, OF GARROCH.

16th May 1815.

Apprentice to James Hope.—Son of Thomas Grierson of Garroch, Kirkeudbrightshire. *Died* 23d June 1851, aged 62. *Mar.* 1st August 1844, Emma, only daughter of William Parker of Sunderland.

YOUNG, ALEXANDER, OF HARBURN.

7th March 1786.

Apprentice to Alexander Orr, his uncle.—Only son of Rev. William Young, Minister of Hutton. *Born* June 1759. *Died* 3d December 1842. *Mar.* 6th May 1789, Sophia, third daughter of William Bell of Guernsey.

YOUNG, ALEXANDER KETTLE.

4th July 1809.

Apprentice to James Laidlaw.—Second son of the Rev. Thomas Kettle, Minister of Leuchars. *Died* 30th August 1841, aged 59. *Mar.* 15th July 1833, Agnes, daughter of Henry Barrie, Farmer. Assumed the name of Young by royal licence 30th December 1834.

YOUNG, ANDREW, OF EASTFIELD.

10th April 1661.

Apprentice to Richard Guthrie.—*Died* before 1690. *Mar.* 28th April 1658, Euphan Yoole. Clerk to the Incorporation of Chirurgeons. Treasurer, 1682-86.

YOUNG, CHARLES.

1st July 1790.

Apprentice to Alexander Mackenzie.—Son of Francis Young, Acting Collector of Excise at Haddington. *Died* 18th January 1802.

YOUNG, EBENEZER DENHOLM.

11th January 1887.

Apprentice to Charles Baxter.—Son of Lieutenant-Colonel Samuel Denholm Young, H.E.I.C.S. *Born* 21st August 1857. *Mar.* 20th December 1888, Jessie, second daughter of David Woodburn, M.D., Camlarg, Dalmellington.

YOUNG, JAMES.

16th July 1888.

Apprentice to James H. Jameson.—*Born* 8th July 1856. *Mar.* 26th July 1883, Margaret Welsh, only daughter of John Turnbull, Merchant, Edinburgh.

YOUNG, JOHN, OF HARPERDEAN.

Commissioner, 16th December 1594. Brother of Thomas Young of Leny, Mid-Lothian. Town-Clerk of Edinburgh.

YOUNG, JOHN.

21st December 1786.

Apprentice to Alexander Orme.—Eldest son of the Rev. Thomas Young, Minister of Cupar-Fife. *Died* 1828.

YOUNG, JOHN WILLIAM.

22d July 1868.

Apprentice to (1) William Young; and (2) Laurence Davidson.—Son of William Young, W.S. *Born* 2d April 1836.

YOUNG, ROBERT HUNTER.

9th March 1843.

Apprentice to Walter Duthie.—Fourth son of David Young of Cornhill, Aberdeen. *Born* 24th August 1820. *Died* 1st December 1851. *Mar.* 4th March 1845, Isabella Sophia, only daughter of Ewan Evelyn Arthur, Merchant in London.

YOUNG, THOMAS, OF CAMMO.

Commissioner, 16th December 1594. *Died* before 1635. *Mar.* Isobel Bannatyne.

YOUNG, THOMAS, OF LENY.

Died about 1654. *Mar.* Margaret, daughter of James Primrose, Clerk to the Privy Council.

YOUNG, WILLIAM.

17th June 1816.

Apprentice to John Tweedie.—Second son of Archibald Young, Surgeon in Glasgow. *Died* 22d April 1855, aged 59. *Mar.* 21st January 1820, Agnes, only daughter of James Gerard of Whitehaugh.

YOUNG, WILLIAM.

See HERRIES, WILLIAM YOUNG.

YOUNGSON, ALEXANDER.

20th May 1794.

Apprentice to John Taylor.—Son of Rev. Andrew Youngson, Minister of Aberdeen. *Born* 1767. *Died* 24th February 1849.

YULE, JOHN.

26th May 1818.

Apprentice to Alexander Duncan.—Second son of John Yule, Baker in Edinburgh. *Died* 15th May 1851, aged 67. *Mar.* 11th June 1822, J. Morrison, fifth daughter of Robert Brown, Westbarns, East Lothian.

YULE, JOHN.

6th March 1845.

Apprentice to John Yule.—Eldest son of George Yule, Merchant in Edinburgh. *Born* 18th March 1818. *Died* 17th April 1861, unmarried.

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THE LORD SECRETARIES AND KEEPERS OF THE SIGNET

1363-1365.	WALTER, OF WARDLAW,	<i>Excheq. Rolls.</i>
1370	JOHN LYON,	"
1388	DUNCAN PETIT,	"
1392-1400.	REGINALD, OF CRAWFORD,	"
1402-1404.	WALTER FORSTER,	"
1405	JOHN OF CRAWFORD,	"
1423	PATRICK HOUSTOUN, CANON OF GLASGOW,	<i>Acts of Par.</i>
1425	JOHN CAMERON, BISHOP OF GLASGOW,	<i>Excheq. Rolls.</i>
1426	JOHN, OF INVERKEITHING,	<i>Reg. Mag. Sig.</i>
1427	WILLIAM FOWLIS,	<i>Reg. Mag. Sig.</i>
1439-1440.	JOHN METHVEN,	<i>Excheq. Rolls.</i>
1441	WILLIAM TURNBULL,	<i>Reg. Mag. Sig.</i>
1444-1448.	JOHN RAULSTON, BISHOP OF DUNKELD,	"
1449-1452.	NICHOLAS OTTERBURN,	"
1453	GEORGE SCHOIRSWOOD,	"
1456-1458.	THOMAS VAUS, DEAN OF GLASGOW,	"
1458-1459.	JOHN AROUS, ARCHDEACON OF GLASGOW,	"
1459-1462.	GEORGE LIDDELL,	"
1463-1493.	ARCHIBALD WHITELAW, ARCHDEACON OF LOTHIAN,	"
1493-1503.	RICHARD MUIRHEAD, DEAN OF GLASGOW,	"
1507-1517.	PATRICK PANITER, ABBOT OF CAMBUSKENNETH,	"
1517	THOMAS HAY,	"
1525-1526.	PATRICK HEPBURN, PRIOR OF ST. ANDREWS,	"
1526-1542.	THOMAS ERSKINE, OF HALTON (Sir T. E., of Brechin),	"
1542. Jan. 8.	DAVID PANITER, BISHOP OF ROSS,	<i>Reg. Sec. Sig.</i>
1542. Feb. 2.	DAVID PANITER AND HENRY BALNAVES,	"
1542	DAVID PANITER,	"
1558. Dec. 4.	SIR WILLIAM MAITLAND, OF LETHINGTON, YR.,	"
1573	ROBERT PITCAIRN ARCHDEACON OF ST. ANDREWS,	<i>Reg. Mag. Sig.</i>
1583	SIR JOHN MAITLAND OF THIRLESTANE,	"
1591. Apr. 22.	SIR RICHARD COCKBURN OF CLERKINGTON,	<i>Privy Council.</i>
1596. May 28.	JOHN LINDSAY OF BALCARRES,	"
1598. Jan.	JAMES ELPHINSTONE, LORD BALMERINO,	"

Reg. Mag. Sig.	
Date of Commission.	
1608. May.	JAMES, LORD BALMERINO, AND SIR ALEXANDER HAY, OF NEWTON.
1609. 15th July.	SIR ALEXANDER HAY, OF NEWTON.
1612. 24th July.	THOMAS HAMILTON, EARL OF HADDINGTON.
1626. 8th May.	SIR WILLIAM ALEXANDER, OF MENSTRIE.
1627. 20th October.	SIR WILLIAM ALEXANDER, AND SIR ARCHIBALD ACHESON, OF GLENCAIRN.
1630. 24th March.	SIR WILLIAM ALEXANDER, AND SIR ARCHIBALD ACHESON.
	SIR WILLIAM ALEXANDER, EARL OF STIRLING.
1640. 15th March.	WILLIAM, EARL OF LANARK.
1640. 26th March.	WILLIAM, EARL OF LANARK, AND SIR JAMES GALLOWAY.
1644. January.	SIR ROBERT SPOTTESWOOD, OF NEW ABBEY.
1644. 22d July.	WILLIAM, EARL OF LANARK. (<i>See Acts of Parl. Vol. vi. i. 182.</i>)
1649. 10th March.	WILLIAM, EARL OF LOTHIAN. (<i>Acts of Parl. Vol. vi. ii. 273.</i>)

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1661. 19th January.	JOHN, DUKE OF LAUDERDALE.
1680. 11th October.	ALEXANDER, EARL OF MORAY.
1682. 26th September.	ALEXANDER, EARL OF MORAY, AND CHARLES, EARL OF MIDDLETON.
1685. 10th February.	ALEXANDER, EARL OF MORAY, AND JOHN, VISCOUNT MELFORT.
1690. 22d February.	GEORGE, EARL OF MELVILLE.
1691. 1st January.	GEORGE, EARL OF MELVILLE, AND JOHN, MASTER OF STAIR.
1692. 3d March.	GEORGE, EARL OF MELVILLE, AND JAMES JOHNSTON.
1696. 15th January.	JOHN, LORD MURRAY.
1696. 5th February.	JOHN, LORD MURRAY, AND JAMES, LORD DESKFORD, afterwards EARL OF SEAFIELD.
1699. 31st January.	JAMES, EARL OF SEAFIELD, AND JOHN, EARL OF HYNDFORD.
1702. 6th May.	JAMES, EARL OF SEAFIELD, AND JAMES, DUKE OF QUEENSBERRY.
1702. 12th May.	JAMES, EARL OF SEAFIELD, AND JAMES, DUKE OF QUEENSBERRY.
1702. 21st November.	GEORGE, VISCOUNT TARBET, AND JAMES, DUKE OF QUEENSBERRY.
1704. 6th March.	JOHN, EARL OF ROXBURGHE.
1704. 17th October.	JOHN, EARL OF ROXBURGHE, AND JAMES, EARL OF SEAFIELD.
1705. 9th March.	JOHN, EARL OF ROXBURGHE, AND WILLIAM, MARQUIS OF ANNANDALE.
1705. 5th June.	HUGH, EARL OF LOUDOUN, AND WILLIAM, MARQUIS OF ANNAN- DALE.
1705. 29th September.	HUGH, EARL OF LOUDOUN, AND JOHN, EARL OF MAR.
1706. 20th June.	HUGH, EARL OF LOUDOUN, AND JOHN, EARL OF MAR.
1708. 3d May.	JOHN, EARL OF MAR.

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Reg. Mag. Sig. Date of Commission.	
1709. 20th July.	JAMES, DUKE OF QUEENSBERRY, AND CHARLES, EARL OF SUNDERLAND.
1710. 20th July.	JAMES, DUKE OF QUEENSBERRY.
1710. 21st November.	JAMES, DUKE OF QUEENSBERRY, AND WILLIAM, LORD DARTMOUTH.
1713. 17th September.	JOHN, EARL OF MAR.
1714. 8th October.	JAMES, DUKE OF MONTROSE.
1715. 6th August.	CHARLES, VISCOUNT TOWNSHEND, AND RT. HON. JAMES STANHOPE.
1716. 3d December.	JOHN, DUKE OF ROXBURGHE.
1725. 16th September.	THOMAS HOLLES, DUKE OF NEWCASTLE, AND CHARLES, VISCOUNT TOWNSHEND.
1727. 24th July.	THOMAS HOLLES, DUKE OF NEWCASTLE, AND CHARLES, VISCOUNT TOWNSHEND.
1730. 24th June.	THOMAS HOLLES, DUKE OF NEWCASTLE, AND WILLIAM, LORD HARRINGTON.
1741. 18th February.	JOHN, MARQUIS OF TWEEDDALE.

[Office of Secretary of State for Scotland abolished 1746.]

KEEPERS OF THE SIGNET

1746. 10th November.	ANDREW FLETCHER, OF MILTON.
1766. 4th December.	SIR GILBERT ELLIOT, OF MINTO.
1777. 6th February.	JOHN MACKENZIE, OF DELVINE, <i>interim</i> .
1777. 3d March.	RT. HON. HENRY DUNDAS, AND ANDREW STUART, OF CRAIGHTHORN.
1779. 23d June.	RIGHT HON. HENRY DUNDAS.
1792. 10th August.	RIGHT HON. HENRY DUNDAS, AND ROBERT DUNDAS.
1800. 26th May.	ROBERT DUNDAS, VISCOUNT MELVILLE.
1814. 13th August.	RIGHT HON. WILLIAM DUNDAS.
1845. 12th December.	JAMES, MARQUIS OF DALHOUSIE.
1860. 22nd December.	JAMES HOPE, <i>interim</i> .
1862. 1st July.	SIR WILLIAM GIBSON-CRAIG, OF RICCARTON.
1878. 13th March.	JAMES HOPE, <i>interim</i> .
1879. 21st February.	GEORGE FREDERICK, EARL OF GLASGOW.
1890. 14th May.	CHARLES BOWMAN LOGAN, <i>interim</i> .
1890. 30th May.	DOUGLAS BERESFORD, DUKE OF MONTROSE.

1726.	JOHN HAY, AND ALEXANDER CAMPBELL.
1741. 26th January.	ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL, AND ALEXANDER CAMPBELL.
1742. 12th March.	JAMES HAY, AND JOHN HAY.
1744. 27th December.	ALEXANDER TAIT.
1746. 22d November.	ALEXANDER TAIT, AND JOHN WATSON.
1762. 16th November.	ALEXANDER GRAY, AND WILLIAM ALSTON.
1767. 2d March.	GEORGE SANDY.
1785. 4th January.	JOHN HOME.
1831. 20th October.	JOHN HAMILTON.
1867. 4th October.	JOHN RICHARDSON.
1876. 6th October.	HON. JAMES WILLIAM MONCREIFF.
1885. 19th August.	JOHN MILLIGAN.

ASSISTANT CLERKS AND EXTRACTORS OF THE SIGNET

1711. 21st Jan.	WILLIAM CADDELL.	1776. 19th June.	ALEXANDER ALISON.
1711. 7th Nov.	ANDREW GEDDES.	1805. 23d Aug.	JOHN CAMERON.
1712. 21st Jan.	JOHN BOGLE.	1810. 26th Nov.	JOHN FINLAYSON.
	ROBERT MANSON.	1831 20th Oct.	ROBERT WEBSTER.
1722. 15th Jan.	WILLIAM ROY.	1846. 2d Sept.	JAMES MILLIGAN.
1741. 9th Nov.	ROBERT KINNELL.	1876. 9th Oct.	JOHN MILLIGAN.
1768. 13th Dec.	JAMES SANDARS.	1885. 6th Sept.	JOHN DUNBAR DUFF.
	1889. 22d Jan.	JAMES HUME NOTMAN.	

FISCALS

1596. 23d July.	ADAM COUPAR.
1599. 21st February.	HARRY BICKARTOUN.
1604. 27th March.	GEORGE MACK.
1627. 28th December.	HEW ROS.
1657. 2d February.	WILLIAM ROS.
1666. 22d January.	GEORGE DALLAS.
1671. 4th January.	HUGH WALLACE.
1681. 25th September.	ALEXANDER AIKENHEAD.
1683. 29th January.	ALEXANDER CHAPLANE.
1684. 20th October.	JOHN FRANK.
1686. 13th November.	WILLIAM STIRLING.
1690. 5th May.	JOHN CUNNINGHAM, OF BANDALLOCH.
1695. 19th July.	WILLIAM DALLAS.
1696. 4th May.	JOHN STRACHAN.
1697. 19th July.	WILLIAM DALLAS, AND ROBERT PRINGLE.

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1699. 2d October.	WILLIAM DALLAS, AND ALEXANDER GLASS.
1702. 16th November.	WILLIAM MENZIES.
1703. 22d November.	ROBERT CAMPBELL.
1710. 21st December.	THOMAS BOYES.
1717. 18th February.	JOHN STEWART.
1722. 12th November.	GEORGE KENNEDY.
1723. 14th November.	JOHN DUNDAS.
1725. 8th November.	WILLIAM FORBES.
1726. 11th November.	JOHN HAMILTON, JUN.
1728. 11th November.	ARCHIBALD STEWART.
1729. 10th November.	ROBERT WALLACE, JUN.
1732. 13th November.	JOHN HAY.
1734. 11th November.	RONALD DUNBAR.
1754. 26th November.	SAMUEL MITCHELSON.
1755. 24th November.	PETER SINCLAIR.
1763. 28th November.	JOHN SMITH.
1777. 24th November.	JOHN RUSSELL.
1796. 30th May.	JAMES MARSHALL.
1807. 30th November.	PATRICK RUSSELL.
1820. 26th December.	RICHARD MACKENZIE.
1824. 26th May.	JAMES NAIRNE.
1844. 3d July.	ALEXANDER DOUGLAS.
1851. 17th July.	ADAM GIB ELLIS.
1864. 21st November.	PATRICK DALMAHOY.
1872. 18th November.	WILLIAM RAMSAY KERMACK.
1883. 20th June.	CHARLES BOWMAN LOGAN.
1887. 20th December.	JOHN COWAN.

TREASURERS

1654. 13th March.	GEORGE MACK.
1659. 18th January.	JAMES ALLAN.
1662. 13th January.	DAVID WATSON.
1682. 3d November.	ANDREW YOUNG.
1686. 13th November.	JOHN FRANK.
1691. 13th July.	JOHN MACFARLANE.
1697. 15th November.	THOMAS PRINGLE.
1698. 16th August.	DAVID RAMSAY.
1699. 7th November.	JOHN LUTFUTT.
1703. 29th January.	PATRICK HOME.
1710. 21st December.	JAMES BAILLIE.

1714. 20th April.	ALEXANDER GLASS.
1722. 26th November.	ALEXANDER STEVENSON.
1732.	JOHN STEUART.
1736. 8th November.	JOHN HAY.
1746. 17th February.	ALEXANDER STEVENSON.
1755. 3d February.	SAMUEL MITCHELSON.
1788. 27th June.	WILLIAM TYTLER.
1792. 17th December.	RICHARD HOTCHKIS.
1824. 12th March.	RICHARD MACKENZIE.
1828. 4th February.	ANDREW STORIE.
1862. 18th June.	JOHN GIBSON, JUN.
1870. 7th February.	JOHN CLERK BRODIE.
1882. 3d April.	JOHN THOMSON MOWBRAY.

PROFESSORS OF CONVEYANCING

1816. 16th December.	MACVEY NAPIER.
1847. 12th March.	ALLAN MENZIES.
1856. 28th February.	ALEXANDER MONTGOMERIE BELL.
1866. 28th May.	JAMES STUART FRASER TYTLER.

LIBRARIANS

1805. 9th December.	MACVEY NAPIER.
1837. 21st June.	DAVID LAING.
1879. 24th March.	THOMAS GRAVES LAW.

COLLECTORS OF WIDOWS' FUND

1803. 1st August.	SIR ADAM FERGUSON.
1806. 20th January.	FRANCIS NAPIER.
1818. 6th July.	JAMES STUART.
1828. 17th November.	WALTER COOK.
1861. 11th March.	JOHN COOK.

ABSTRACT OF MINUTES

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AT EDINBURGHE THE TENT DAY OF . . . GOD J^m V^c FOURESCOIR
FOURTEN YEIRIS.

MR. JOHN LAYNG, keeper of the signet, produced a commission granted by Sir Richard Cokburne of Clerkingtoun, knight, secretary to the king, in favour of the said Mr. John Layng his depute, and keeper of the signet, John Young, John Johnstoun, Mr. William Scott, John Andro, Mr. John Kene, Walter Maware, Adam Lawtie, Thomas Young, Walter Henrysoun, Peter Hewat, Harie Bickartoun, [John] Wardlaw, Adam Cowper, Richard Karse, Alexander Reid, George Mak, James [Bor]thuik, and Thomas Harvie, or any nine of them conjunctly (the depute keeper of the signet being always one), and failing of them, or any of them by decease, with power to so many of the said commissioners in life for the time to put others in the places of those deceased, "of the maist ancient and best qualifeit ordinare" writers to the signet, to convene whenever they shall think expedient, and to take order with "all abuses, falsities, and informaliteis in their vocation committit or to be commit by any ordinary member and brother thereof, master and servant," and for remedy of the same "to conclude, determine, and sett down all actis, statutis, and ordinancis necessare, under the panes of deprivation simpliciter of their office, suspensioun and pecuniall panes according to the wechtines of the offence." And also to make acts and statutes, as well concerning the sufficiency of such as should be presented by the said secretary, as the form and manner of trial, and order of their admission to the said office, the contraveners thereof to be deprived or suspended at the pleasure of the commissioners, etc. The commission is dated at Edinburgh the 16th, and recorded in the Books of Council *ad futuram rei memoriam*, the 17th December 1594.

The accepting commissioners are Mr. John Layng, John Young, John Johnstoun, Mr. William Scott, Peter Hewat, Adam Lawtie, Harie Bickartoun, James Borthuik, John Wardlaw, Richard Cas, Adam Cowper, George Mak, Thomas Young, and they, along with the others mentioned in the commission, append their signatures.

"The quhilk day the said Mr. Johne Layng presentit to the saidis commissioneris my lord secretares injunciones following, to be observit be the ordiner wryttaris to the signet in all tyme cuming, quhairof the tenour followis:—

"1. In the first that the hail ordinar writteris to the signet sweir to the said lord secretare and his depute in his name thair lauchfull obedience concernyng thair office as writtares to the signet, and quhen occasioun sall serve as hes bene in tymes by past . . . retare principall to his majestie and thair ordinare maister thai be . . .

"2. Item that nane of thame writt ony lettres or billis aganis the s . . . without thai first adverteis his lordschip or his depute. I[tem that na] writtare mak ony billis of quhatsumever qualitie or importance [to the] prejudice of the said lord secretares office. Item quhatsumevir writtare obeyis nocht his lordschipis depute keipare of the signet in writting missive or utheris letres quhatsumevir his majestie commandis his lordschip to be writtin that the disobeyaris be suspendit ay and quhill thai pay a mandat for thair disobedience.

"3. The quhilk day the commissioneris foirsaidis statutes, declairis, decernis, and ordinis that gif it salhappin ony ordinaire writtare to the signet present or to cum to be convict judiciallie in ony jugement for falsett (albeit thai sal happin to be absolvit be the juge fra the pane), that nevertheles thai salbe deprivit simpliciter of all writting to the signet in tyme cuming during thair lifytymes.

"4. The quhilk day the commissioneris foirsaidis statutes, decernis, and ordinis, that in cais ony ordinaire writter to the signet salbe fund to reveill ony secretis of his clientis be writtin be thameselfis or thair awin persoun or persones, that the writtare reveilare thair of salbe simpliciter depyvit fra his office and writting to the signet.

"5. The quhilk day the commissioneris foirsaidis statutes, decernis, and ordinis, that nane of the ordinaire writtars to the signet present or to cum writt lettres upoun ony warrandis writtin ather be ony uthir writtare, advocatis, thair servandis or utheris quhatsumevir, or preceptis upoun signatures, except the said warrand or signature be writtin be thameselfis or thair awin servandis in thair awin buith, except it be to supplie his brotheris lauchfull absence or seiknes testifeit to the subscryvare or keipare of the signet, under the pane of deprivation, at the leist suspensioun, or payment of ane pecuniall sum at the discretioun of the saidis commissioneris.

"6. The quhilk day the commissioneris foirsaidis statutes and ordinis that na person or persones salbe heirefter admittit ordinaire writteris to the signet except in the conventioun of the ordinaire persones appoyntit thairto be the said commissioneris, quha being convenit, sall subscryve the admissioun of the persoun or persones suitand the samyn gif thai think it necessare to be done, eftir dew examination and tryall, quhilk sall alwyis preceid in publict conventioun befor ony admissioun. And gif ony of thair brethrene sall heirefter subscryve admissiounis in favour of ony persoun or persones, except in publict conventioun eftir the said examination and tryall as said is, the subscription salbe null, and the subscryver salbe depyvit of his office.

"7. The quhilk day the commissioneris foirsaidis statutes and ordinis, that the haill ordinaire writteris appoyntit be the foirsaid commissioun, at the leist nyne of thame with the said Mr. Johne Layng, sall ilk yeir twa severall tymes convene, viz. : in the monethis of Apryll and August, and ofter as thai salbe warnit be the ordinaire officiare, and tak cognitioun and ordour with all complaintes to be presentit befor thame. As alsua that the haill ordinaire brethrene writteris to the signet, sall convene at all sic tymes and ocasionis as thai salbe warnit be the said officiare, undir the pane of fourtie schillingis to be uptakin fra ilk persoun disobeyand, being lauchfullie wairnit thairto, personallie apprehendit, and to be suspendit fra all writting quhill the payment of the foirsaid pane, quhilk the saidis commissioneris ordinis to be convertit *ad pios usus*.

"8. The quhilk day the commissioneris foirsaidis statutes and ordinis that na

persones alreddie admittit, or in ony tyme heirefter salhappin to be admittit ordinare writteris to the signet, salbe procuratouris, agentis nor ordinare servandis to the lordis of Sessioun or men of law, or exerce ony uthir particulare office in hurt and prejudice of the rest of the brethrene and generall office, bot that the saidis writteris and ilkane of thame salbe friemen, keip oppin buithis, speciallie await and attend upoun thair buithis and vocatioun, and nawyis be subject to ony uthir particulare service or servitude of ony persones, undir the pane of deprivation; and ordinis this act to be extendit aganis all writteris els admittit and to be admittit, and all persones alreddie admittit and uthiris seikand admissioun and obtenand the samyn to be suspendit fra all writing, and the keipare of the signet dischargit of affixing of the samyn to lettres or preceptis to be subscriyvit be thame, quhill thai keip oppin buithis for service of oure soverane lordis leiges.

"9. The quhilk day the commissioneris foirsaidis concludis, statutes, and ordinis that heireftir na persoun salbe admittit to the signet nor use the office thair of bot be deceis of ane of the brethrene ordinare writtare to the signet, and than to ressave the sone, servand or prenteis of the persoun deceissit, he being fund sufficientlie qualifeit, and failzeing of him the eldest and best qualifeit servand or prenteis quha hes servit in the said office for the space of sevin yeiris, at the leist fyve yeiris as prenteis and twa yeiris as servand, and that he verifie the samyn be his indentour and discharge of his maister of his faithfull service.

"10. The quhilk day the saidis commissioneris decernis and statutes that na writtare now to the signet, nor that beis writtare admittit to the samyn heireftir, sall directlie or indirectlie, be ony meane, colour or devyis, seik, purches or procure in his persoun or favour the erectioun of ony new particulare office, in detriment, prejudice or hurt [of the commo]ditie of the rest of the brethrene in the generall, and commoun . . . signet or onywyis appropriat in particulare to him selff ony . . . of the same generall office undir the pane of deprivation, save [and the commo]ditie alwyis of the ordinare officiaris.

"11. The quhilk day the saidis commissioneris statutes and ordinis that it sall nocht be lesum to ony ordinare writtare to the signet to writt ony writtis, lettres or evidentis, to ony pairtie or client quha restis unpait ony sommes of money or dettis for writtis writtin to thame of befoir be ony uthir ordinare writter, being lauchfullie advertist be the said writter of the said dett, undir the pane of payment to his brothir of the dett awand be the said pairtie to him, and that he be suspendit fra writting to the signet quhill the said det be pait.

"12. The quhilk day the commissioneris foirsaidis statutis and ordinis that na persoun, servand or prenteis, salbe ressavit and admittit in the place of ony ordiner writter deceissit quha brukit ane particulare office, except the persoun suitand to be admittit be first ressavit and admittit to the particulare office possess of befoir be the person be qubais deceis he claimes to be admittit to the signet.

"13. The quhilk day the commissioneris foirsaidis calling to mynd the treuth and honestie of thair predicessouris ordinare writteris to the signet, quhilk proceedit upoun thair few nummer, and now be the admissioun of ane multitude thair is drawin upoun the maist pairt of thame povirtie, and be the said povirtie ar the reddier to be inducit to committ falsettis; thairfor the saidis commissioneris statutis and ordinis, that thair sall be na persoun nor persones admittit ordiner writter to the signet in ony tyme cuming, nor ressavit in the place of ony deceissand, unto the tyme the hail nummer of the saidis ordiner writteris be

redactit to the nummer of twentie foure persones, and that in na tyme cuming the saidis ordinar writteris to the signet sall evir thaireftir exceid the nummer of twentie foure ; provyding alwyis that undir this act sall nawyis be comprehendit the ordiner clerkis befor the sessioun, secretare, depute keipare of the signet, clerkis to the justiciarie, and clerk depute of the secreit counsale.

"14. The quhilk day the commissioneris foirsaidis remembering the grite unitie and gude concord standing amangis the haill brethrene, ordinar writteris to the signet (praisit be God), and willing the samyn to increas and continew, thairfor statutes and ordinis that gif ony of the brethrene being persewit or [ac]cusit of ane uthir brother for contravenyng of the actis abonewrittin or . . . thairfor, salhappin to minas or injure utheris be worde, deid . . . that the pairtie minasser or injurare of the uthir quhither perseware or defendare (the samen injurie being tryit) salbe for the first fault suspendit fra all using of his office, ay and quhill he have satisfieit the pairtie offendit and forder induring the saidis commissioneris willis, and for the second falt salbe simpliciter depyvit of his office in all tyme cuming, but ony favoure or restitution to be grantit to him thairfor."

These statutes are subscribed by the commissioners, and also by J. Hay, D. Hay, W. Wylie, Robert Gairdner, Thomas M'Cawlay, John Buchannane, A. Millar, John M'Gill, A. Schoir, James Kay, Robert Stewart, Mr. John Paip, A. Hamiltoun.

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19th DAY OF . . . Mr. John Layng, keeper of the signet, produced and presented a letter from the secretary, Sir Richard Cokburne, requesting the writers to admit the bearer, David Flescheour, servitor to the clerk of register, to be an ordinary writer to the signet, conform to his lordship's presentation given to him, and to dispense with such acts as might be opposed against him.

1595.

14th NOVEMBER. The Lord Secretary promises that he shall nowise admit any person to the signet until the whole number be reduced to twenty-four only.

On the same day, the secretary and the commissioners being convened, Robert Gairdner, writer, is accused of contravening the act forbidding the writing of letters upon warrants ; and having confessed the fault, he is suspended from writing to the signet until the 20th of January next, and further during their will, that in the meantime they may take further order with him : and Mr. John Layng is discharged from affixing the signet to any summons or precept subscribed by the said Robert in the meantime.

4th DECEMBER. The commissioners, including Mr. John Hay and Mr. James Bannatyne, having considered the supplication of Robert Gairdner, requiring them "maist humlie" to dispense with the suspension enacted against him, and "being movit with petye," have *ex gratia* dispensed therewith, on his promise never to offend again, under pain of deprivation. He enacts himself to that effect, and puts his signature.

1596.

4th JUNE. Lord Menmure, secretary to the King, ratifies the aforesaid commission and whole acts made by the commissioners thereupon, promising "to hald hand" to the observing thereof. His signature is appended.

On the same day the Secretary and Commissioners ordain that "gif ony ordiner writter to the signet, or thair servandis, writ our agane in new forme, or utherwyse in ony uther forme, in ony tyme coming, ony evidentis, writtis, bandis, signatouris, preceptis, billis or letteris, quhilkis salhappin to be originally formed be ane uther ordiner writer of befor, and sall not send the same bak agane to the first former thair of to be writtin be tham, except thai be deid or seik or depryved, the contravener salbe simpliciter depryved but favour."

23d JULY. The Lord Secretary being personally present with the "brether," of new ratifies the acts of the commissioners, and ordains them to meet in August next for taking trial of abuses.

Adam Cowper, writer, is appointed procurator fiscal for the year.

19th NOVEMBER. The commissioners, to the number of twelve, being convened in the New Kirk, Robert Gairdner is accused of "subscriyving of ane warrand quhilk had bene writtin in the buith of David Flescheour and by his servand, and for the writting of ane lettre thairupone and subscriyving the samen." Which offence having been confessed by the accused, the commissioners, "movit alwyse of petie, gaif to him ane admonitioun" to abstain from such offences in time to come under pain of being simpliciter deprived for life.

On the same day Adam Lawtie, clerk to the commissioners, is ordained to give up again, to the writers who had produced their admissions formerly, their presentations and admissions, to be kept by them until they should again be required to exhibit them.

Thus far the minutes are subscribed on each sederunt by the clerk, A. Lawtie.

Receipt of their presentations and admissions is acknowledged by A. Couper, Thomas M'Awlay, and James Borthuik, who append their subscriptions.

1598.

6th MAY. The commissioners being convened anent the supplication of John Gilmure for his admission as an ordinary writer to the signet, Walter Henrysoun, John Wardlaw, and Thomas Hervie are appointed to pass to the secretary to inform him of their acts, and confer with him thereanent.

The ordinary writers to the signet being convened "anent the taking of ordour with the admission of ordinare wryteris to the signet, for avoyding of the great hurt and skaith that redoundis to the wryteris in generall by the extraordinare admissioun of sindrie personis wryteris to the signet without tryall or examinatioun takin quhidder thai be qualifeit and meit to exerceis the office of ane wryter to the signet; and understanding that thair hes bene sindrie admittit quha be thame selffis can do littel bot be the onlie help of sindrie auld servandis, thairfore, to the effect that auld servandis suld not culloure the ignorance of sic personis, it is statute

and ordanit, that all sic personis sall remove and put away fra thame all auld servandis, and tak prenteissis for the space of thre yeiris nixt efter thair admissioun to the signet, and this act to be extendit *ad preterita* alsweil as *ad futura*."

16th AUGUST. The secretary Lord Eglischame ratifies the acts, and promises "to hald hand" to the observing thereof. He subscribes the minute.

1598-9.

25th JANUARY. Mr. John Layng, "secretare depute," made declaration in name of the Secretary that his lordship "wald have the actis of the bretherene observit and keipit in all pointis," etc.

21st FEBRUARY. Mr. John Layng, "secretare depute," with the ordinary brethren contained in commission, being convened for receiving the report of James Borthuik and George Mak, two of their number, anent the qualification and ability of Mr. Richard Kene, son of the deceased Mr. John Kene, writer, the report of his examination being favourable, the said Mr. Richard Kene is admitted "as ane of their ordinare nowmer in the place of the said umquhile Mr. John Kene his father."

Hary Bickartoun is elected procurator fiscal for the year.

1599.

24th JULY. Mr. John Layng, "secretare depute," with the ordinary commissioners, being convened anent the admission of Mr. James Harlaw, son of the deceased James Harlaw, one of the ordinary writers to the signet—the said Mr. James desiring to be admitted in his father's place "conforme to the act maid anent admission of wryters to the signet, and the same act, to witt the ellevint act contenit in the buik, being red in thair presence and considerit, and question being movit thair-anent" whether the act should be extended *ad preterita* as *ad futura*, the majority voted against extending the act *ad preterita*.

28th JULY. "The quhilk day the ordiner wryteris being convenit in the laich tolbuith, and it being put to vote quhiddir gif or nocht the bretherene wald grant to ane incorporatioun with the advocates or not, the maist pairt voteit to the said incorporatioun."

4th AUGUST. Mr. John Layng, secretary depute, made intimation to the brethren of the act and ordinance of the Lords of Session of date 27th July 1599 against granting suspension upon "liquidate sowmes," the said act being read, and engrossed in the minutes.

1604.

27th MARCH. Mr. John Layng, "secreter deput," convened the ordinary writers to the signet according to the secretary's direction by his missive letter from Whitehall dated 18th March 1604, bearing these words, "I think meit, seing I heir

of many abuseis amangis the wryteris to the signet, and that the maist pairt of thame that wes in commissioun with yow ar depairted, that ye convene thame all and elect to your self some of the honestest and gravest amangis thame to have commissioun for trying thair proceeding and censuring of thame, according to your awin actis, and quhatever ye do in that behalf I sall ratifie and allow of it."

The brethren, after the reading of the commission given by his lordship's predecessors, finding a sufficient number of the commissioners therein named still "onlyve, thay war all content with the saidis auld commissioneris."

George Mak is elected procurator fiscal in all matters concerning the brethren, and gives his oath for due administration; and all complaints are ordained to be given in and heard on the 12th of April next.

1606.

17th JANUARY. Mr. John Layng, secretary depute, and keeper of the signet, with the brethren, being convened in the "laiche tolbuith of Edinburgh," conform to the lord secretary's direction, ordained that all bills and supplications to be given by the writers before the Lords of Council and Session should be subscribed by themselves "and nawayis be thair servandis" during the session, under pain of deprivation.

Also that no writer to the signet nor their servants during the session take in hand to present bills to the lords to be subscribed, nor to deliver the same upon the backs, nor to present them to the ordinary clerk, under pain of deprivation.

It is also ordained that no ordinary writers to the signet "be onnawayis agentis in passing of ony infetmentis throw the seallis, or be ony other maner of way agentis, bot attend upon thair office and calling as ordinar wryteris to the signet under the pane forsaid."

Also that all writers to the signet shall deliver to the said Mr. John Layng "ane copie of thair servandis and prenteisis handwrittis that he may know thame," under pain of ten shillings.

Also that "eaverie brother ordinar wrytar to the signet sal gif yeirlie to John M'Gill thair officer for his pains and trawillis the soume of vj^s 8^d at the leist, under pane of x^s."

17th JANUARY. The "bretherene wryttaris to the signet" being convened, ordained the following persons admitted to be writers by the lord secretary, to subscribe the acts "made in this present buke," and to ratify the same by their subscriptions. The subscribers are "Ro^t Lauder, David Wylie, R. Lawsoun, James Kynneir, Robert Alschinder, J. Heart, J. Andersone, Johne Ainslie, Ja. Wynrame, A. Straton, Maister Richard Kene, Jo. Young, G. Muirheid, Samuell Birs, W^m Swane, James Scott, Jhone Kyncaid, Mr. Ja. Harlaw, A. Dunlop, J. Small, but hurt of my admission, T. Kellie, J. Balfour, R. Kirkwod, G. Thomesone, Robert Newlandis, Robert Fortoun."

15th MARCH. "The quhilk day Mr. Johne Laynge, secreter deput, and the rest of the ordinar wrytaris to the signet being convenit in the heiche tolbuith of Edinburgh, the said Mr. Johne presentit befor thame my lord secreteris warrand in maner and to the effect underwrittin, quhairof the tennour followis :—Maister Johne Layng, ye sall

imediatielie efter the sicht heirof convene the haille ordinar writteris to his Majesteis signet, and certifie thame gif thai or thair servandis wrytis the delyverances upoun ony billis to be grantit be the Lordis, they salbe simpliciter suspendit fra all wryting to his hienes signet, and depyvit of thair offices; commanding also the saidis clerkis to gif in thair billis to be delyverit be the Lordis in this vacance approcheand ouklike upoun the Tyisday, Thurisday, and Settirday, onlie, under the pane forsaide. Subscriyvit with oure hand at Edinburgh the xiiij of Merche 1606. Sic subscribitur Balmerinoche, secretarij. Certifie the haille nomber that gif the ordinance be contravenit, the rigour salbe execut aganes thame without mercy. Quhilk was oppinlie red and intimat to the said brithrene that nane sould pretend ignorance thairof."

On the same day the brethren, considering that there are certain writers to the signet "quha keipis nocht opin buithis for serving of oure soverane lordis leidgeis conforme to thair admissioun, actis and statutes maid thairanent, bot usis thame selfis as agentis, unseamelie to ordinar wrytaris: as alsua that thair is utheris of the saidis ordinar wrytaris quha hes divers persones in thair buithis and chalmeris quha ar nocht thair ordinar servandis, and wryteis all maner of writtis according to thair knowledge as gif thai war ordinar wryteris, to the grit abuse of the ordinar wryteris and alsua of our soverane lordis leidges, taking thame to be the persones thay ar nocht: for remeid quhairof" it is ordained that George Mak, procurator fiscal, should try which of the brethren were culpable in these and other respects.

28th NOVEMBER. Mr. John Layng, keeper of the signet, and divers of the commissioners being convened in the "hich tolbuith," remit to John Eistoun and Thomas M'Awlay, two of their number, to try the qualifications of Thomas Crammy or Crombey, presented by the secretary for admission.

3d DECEMBER. The said examiners report "that the said Thomas wes in sum reasonabill maner qualifeit to the office."

1607.

16th MARCH. Hary Wilsoun being charged with contravening the act anent "new maisteris admittit that sould nocht ressave auld servandis for culling of thair ignorance," confessed that he had received Thomas Egzer, but obliged himself "to remove him furth of his company and service at Whitsunday nixtocum under the pane of deprivation."

16th . . . Robert Stewart, Archibald Miller, John M'Gyll, and Robert Newlands, being found guilty of contravening the act forbidding writers to subscribe letters on bills, precepts or warrants, not written by themselves or their own servants, are suspended from further writing to the signet until the lord secretary take order with them.

Intimation is ordered to be made to Daniel Hay and Robert Rawson, James Winrem and Robert Fortoun, to "seperate thame selfis, and ather of thame to hald oppin buithes betuix and Witsonday" under pain of deprivation. The intimation to be made by George Mak and John M'Gill within twenty-four hours.

25th MARCH. Robert Newlands, who was suspended at the preceding sederunt, compeared before Mr. John Layng, keeper of the signet, and confessed the fault allèged against him, and "of new actit" himself not to offend in that respect in time to come, under pain of deprivation. His subscription is appended.

AT HOLYROOD HOUSE, 4th APRIL. In presence of James Lord Balmerinoch, President of the College of Justice, and secretary to the king, the brethren, ordinary writers to the signet, as well commissioners as others, being convened, do ratify and approve the acts formerly made by the commissioners, and add their subscription, viz.:—Jo. Layng, Mr. Patrik Bannatyne, R. Cas, Adame Lawtie, J. Eistoun, T. Young, Robert Stewart, G. Mak, T. Kellie, W. Henrysone, J. Andersone, J. Buchanane, D. Flescher, A. Straton, Mr. John Paip, J. Gilmour, Thomas M'Awlay, Mr. Ja. Harlaw, Maister Richard Kene, Walter Dick, J. Balfour, A. Dunlop, R. Kirkwod, A. Schoir, A. Hamiltoun, J. Speir, T. Small, Ro. Lauder, Robert Gairdnar, Antone Quhyte, Jo. Ainslie, Samuell Birs, Ja. Wynrame, Harie Wilsoun, Jo. Young, David Wylie, J. Heart, G. Thomesone, Wm. Swane, D. Muirheid, Rot. Alschinder, J. Makgill, T. Crombie, Jhone Kyncaid, Robert Fortoun, David Moysie.

5th JUNE. Mr. John Layng, keeper of his majesty's signet, and the remanent brethren being fully convened, and considering the secretary's warrant for electing "sum of the eldest and maist discrete of the said brethrene" as commissioners, the following are elected, viz.:—Mr. John Layng, Mr. William Scott, Adam Lawtie, Adam Couper, Mr. Patrick Bannatyne, Walter Henrysone, Richard Cas, Thomas Young, George Mak, John Eistoun, Thomas M'Cawlay, Arthour Stratoun, James Kynneir, John Buchanane, and any nine, seven or five of them (Mr. John Layng being always one) to convene for the trial of abuses, etc.

25th JUNE. John M'Gill is suspended for contravening the act anent subscribing of letters and bills not written by himself or his servants in "his awin buith."

Robert Stewart is suspended for the same fault.

30th JUNE. Archibald Miller being called before the commissioners for not keeping open buith, and subscribing letters not written by his own servants, declares that he shall keep open buith, and nowise keep Robert Maxwell for his servitor, nor any other servitor, until he keep open buith, under pain of deprivation.

David Flescheour, accused of the same faults, declares that he will keep no person in his buith except his "awin actuall servandis," and shall not keep John Cunynghame, who is not his servant, under the aforesaid pain.

David Wylie is suspendit, during the secretary's will, for the same faults.

Robert Rawsoun is suspended in like manner for the same cause.

William Speir and Robert Gairdner, by their own consent "become actit" to keep no person in their buiths "bot their awin actuall servandis," and to keep open buith.

7th JULY. James Justice becomes bound that neither he nor any of his servants, nor any other persons by his licence, should write within his buith any bills to be delivered by the lords, letters thereupon, signatures, or precepts upon signatures, or any writs concerning the signet, under pain of deprivation of his office of

notary, simpliciter, and from further keeping of an open buith. His subscription is added.

Compeared also Mathew Cuming and "actit" himself to the same effect, adding his subscription.

Compeared Robert Rawsoun and acknowledged that he offended "the brethir in his undiscrete speches," craving pardon therefor, and declaring that he should keep the acts: and the lord secretary having given his declaration to Mr. John Layng that the said Robert should be reponed, he is reponed accordingly.

Compeared Alexander Pyet and "become actit in maner and to the effect foir-said under pane of deprivioun of his office of notarie." His subscription follows.

24th JULY. Hary Wilsoun is called before the commissioners "for contravening of the actis maid that na new admittit writteris suld ressave auld servandis to serve thame for culloring of thair ignorance, in ressaving of Thomas Stevin for his servand quha is ane auld servand." The said Hary having confessed the fault, is suspended during the lord secretary's will.

John Young, servitor to John Young, is found "to have injurit Johnne M'Gill with injurious wordis," and therefore his master is ordained to cause him "satisfie" the said John M'Gill for the injury, at the direction of the commissioners, or else to remove the said John Young from his service: the said John Young, writer, to be warned to this effect against "Tysday nixt."

28th JULY. David Flescheour being charged with "keping personis in his buith quha ar not his actuall servandis, at the leist, with quhom he transactis for a pairt of his awin dewitie, contrare to the actis;" the said David having denied the charge, the trial of the matter is remitted to George Mak, the procurator fiscal.

"The said day the bretherene ordanit George . . . to the hail writteris buithis and thair to tak . . . of all servandis in thair buithis and to produce thair hand-writtis under the subscriptioun of thair maisteris."

"The said day the bretherene ordanit that Johnne Young, wryter, suld caus Johnne Young, his servitour, acknowlege his offence and injurie done be him to Johnne M'Gill, conforme to his complaint verifeit and provin; and to that effect to sett doun upoun his kneis in presens of the bretherene and crave pardoun thairfore; or than that the said Johnne Young suld remove his servand furth of his service, or ellis the bretherene declairit thai wald suspend the said Johnne Young him self fra wryting to the signet, and ordanis this act to have effect betuix and this day aucht dayes, with the consent of the said Johnne Young."

1608.

20th JANUARY. Patrick Small, writer, alleged to be at the horn, compeared and denied "that he wes onywyis at the horne according to his knowlege;" and because there was no horning produced, the brethren were satisfied with the denial, until further probation.

James Scot, writer, convened for the same cause, granted that "he wes only rebell at the instance of Mr. Johnne Dempster, and thairfore desyrit sum tyme of continuatioun to do for his releif." The matter is superceded for eight days.

27th JANUARY. Robert Stewart, John Ainslie, Robert Newlands, David Hart, James Scot, Mr. Richard Kene, writers, being called before the commissioners that order might be taken with them anent their being at the horn, and having, after lawful warning, failed to compear, they are suspended until they produce lawful relaxation; and Adam Couper is ordained not to pass their bills, and no other writer to subscribe their letters.

Hary Wilsoun, being called for keeping Mathow Cwming and Mr. William Yule as his servants, "and that in ane uther buith nor quhair he writis himself," compears and denies the charge, and "declairis that gif he subscrieve ony lettres writtin be ony uther persoun nor Williame Borthuik his servand and him self without he mak intimatioun of his new servand to Mr. Johnne Layng, that he is content to be simpliciter depyvit." The said Hary being "delaitit" that he kept no open buith "bot held his chalmer with an advocat," and the fact being found so, he obliges himself "betuix and witsonday nixt to procure ane oppin buith for himself, under the pane of deprivation."

1st FEBRUARY. The commissioners, with consent of the parties, ordain Richard Cas and Arthur Straytoun "to visite the wryting buithis of Johnne Gilmuir, Johnne Thomesoun, Robert Lawder, Robert Rawsoun, to sie gif thai keip thair buithis with advocatis and to report this day aucht dayes."

1609.

8th NOVEMBER. "The quhilk day the haille bretherene, ordinar writeris to the signet, being convenit be directioun of my lord secretar and Mr. Johnne Layng, kepar of the signet, according to his lordship's lettre and directioun as said is, his lordship's missive lettre underwrittin, direct to the said Mr. Johnne Layng, with the injunctiounis and commandis eftir specifeit, ordaining the persones following to be his ordinar commissioneris for the saidis writteris, wer all red in presens of the saidis writteris, that nane suld pretend ignorance thair of, and ordanit to be registrat in the register of the actis of the saidis ordinar writeris for the better conservatioun thair of, lykeas the saidis quhais names are following, acceptit the said commissioun upoun thame, off the quhilk missive and injunctiounis the tenour followis: My very loveing and assuired freind, the multitude of wryttaris to the signet haffing bred amonge thame selfis disordour, and thairwith occasioned the disdaine and contempt of that place whiche in former tymes wes in so muche credite, is a matter no les greivous unto me then to thame who feillis more sensiblye the smart of it. The too haistye desyre of many men to be maisteris, hes maid sume of thame servanttes, and no dowbt want of employment bringing with it povertie will produce sone such errouris to fall in thair handis as may muche disgrace the place. Bot as I do not intend to wrong any admitted, howsoever unfitt they haiff bene, being unwilling to condeme other menis actionns, so the only course whiche I do heirefter resolve to keip, is in directing a stricter ordour to be observed in depyveing or suspending of any quho sall heirefter offend. I wald haiff yow thairfoir to convene the hole number, willing every ane of thame to tak ane copy from yow of theis ordinances heirwith sent, so that they do not pretend ignorance when the pane upoun thair fault is imposed. Yow sall ressaive the roll of theis com-

missioneris quhome I wische sould asiste yow, and lett not preposterous pitie heireftir (since thair is ane sufficient forwarning maid) move ather yow or thame to spair or mitigate the punishment imposed, that so quhome dewtie can not move, feare sall inforce, to walk warlie in thair calling. As for my pairt howevir, I do not intend to interdict my selff hollie, as unwilling to wrong the place I possesse, yit I howpe by prwife yow sall find me moir spairing then perhappis yow expect; and gif yow with the rest of the commissioneris, by punisching of faultis and sieing of the ordinances keipit, will thairby kythe your affectioun to restoir that place to credeitt, I will promise not only to concurre with yow in that actioun, bot alsua to leive na thing undone that may retrinche the present supernumerare fellowschip, of quhome many, with doing thame selffis small guid, do both the place and theis of best worthe in that calling mucho harme: Lett me thairfoir by the first goode occasioun be acquainted with your proceedingis heirin. And quhat funder is thocht expedient by yow and the commissioneris to be done and yeildit unto by me, if it be within compas of ressoun and without prejudice, sall neaver be refused by me. And desyring yow heirwith to remember my hairtye commendatiouns to all of [the bretheren] I rest, sic subscribitur, Roistoun, xxvth October, your loveing and assured freind, Alexr. Hay. Followis the injunctiouns to be observed be the wryttaris to the signet in all tyme cuming under suche panes as ar contained in the samyn."

1. This injunction is in similar terms to rule No. 3 of the former set of injunctions.

2. This rule is the same as No. 4 of the former set.

3. This is in similar terms to No. 5 of the former rules, with this additional clause, "and to that effect that every wrytteris name be writtin upoun the bak of the warrand quhich salbe writtin or subscrivit by him heirefter."

4. This rule is to the same effect as No. 8 of the former set.

5. This is to the same effect as No. 10 of the former rules.

6. This is in similar terms to No. 11 of the former rules.

"7. Item that all billis and supplicatiouns to be gevin in by any wryttar to the signet to the Lordis of Sessioun be subscrivved by thame selffis and nawayes by thair servandis, nor na utheris, the tyme of the sessioun. And that nane of thame subscrivve ather billis, lettres or preceptis wryttin by any uther wryttare, nottaris or advocatis servandis or utheris quhatsumevir (except he be speciallie desyred thairto by ane ordinar wryttar and . . . wrytt under his hand) under pain of deprivation."

"8. Item that nane of thame mak any billis or writtis of quhatsumevir qualitie or importance in prejudice of the secretaris office, under the pane forsaid."

"9. That they all obey the keipar of the signet in writting missives or otheris lettres which his majestie commandis to be wreittin under the pane of the payment of . . . and to be suspendit frome writting till payment thairof."

"10. Item gif ony lettres beis found by the keiper of the signet raised, vitiat, blaiked, interlyned or anywayes unbeseiming, that the depute keipar ryife the lettres, and caus wrytt thame agane upoun the wryttaris expenss, and suspend him for thrie monethis who sall subscrivve any suche and send them to the signet."

"11. Item the denunciatioun of any wryttar to the horne for quhatsumevir caus to infer suspensioun of him for thrie monethis: and if he continew rebell xl dayes unrelaxite then he to be uterlie depryved without any restoring."

"12. Item that no wryttar alreedy admitted to dimitt his place; and if the dimissioun be offered, albeit unaccepted, yit sall it frome thencefurth infer the deprivation of him quho intendit it, and mak the other who did thairupoun sute for admissioun in all tyme thairefter uncapable for injoying of such a plaice."

"13. That all signatouris conteaning grantis of landis, or bukis which ar to be signed by his maiesties owin hand, heirefter salbe fair wreittin on parchment, without blotting or interlyning, and thair salbe a greatt void left abone for his majestie to signe, and a large space beneth the signatour, and at the corner or nuik of the parchment belowe, the writter of the signatour sall testifie that [it] is correct and hes bene examinitt by him, and subscriye his name thairto, according to ane patrone which is heirwith sent and is to be heirefter followed, and the delyverie to any client any suche signatour otherwayes then is befor prescryved, to be frome henceforthe for every suche fault the suspensioun of the writter, giver out thair of, for the space of thrie monethis."

"14. Item since the habite suld distinguische every one in his calling, all wrytteris to the signet ar heirefter, induring thair stay within Edinburgh, bothe in thair cuming abrode in the streittis and in thair wreittin boathe, [to] wear all the day long (except he walk or ryde abroad without the towne for recreation) a gowne in suche forme as salbe sett downe by the commissioneris wnder writtin. And that habite to be provydit within twentie dayes after it is appoynted. And suche as sall want it to be suspendit frome using thair function untill they be provydit."

"15. Item all admissions of writteris to the signet frome hensefurth salbe upoun recommendatioun by the two part of the commissioneris underwrittin, att leist, being conveyed togidder (so as thair consent be not gottin *per emandicata suffragia*) to the secritarye, of the pairtes sufficiencie quho desiris to be admitted. And quhosoevir sall suit warrant for his admissioun utherwayes then is befor prescryved sall thairby be declared uncapable to injoy any suche place heirefter."

"16. Item that none do exceed the pryces contained in the printed actis under the pane of suspensioun for every such offence for six monethis."

"17. Item if any writter being persewit or accused by another for contravening of the actis afoirsaid or any point thair of, and being guyltie of the same, and gif thairefter the persewar or accuser be anywayes minassit or injured be him ather be word or deid thairfore, the injurer or minasser being exactlie tryed by the commissioneris underwritten, sall for the first fault be suspendit from using his office untill at the commissioneris sight he haiff satisfieit the pairtie offendit, and for the secund fault be depryved simpliciter in tyme coming."

"18. Item that every ane of thame be commandit to tak a cople of thir present injunctiouns, so that they may not pretend ignorance of any point thair of."

"19. Item that the keipar of the signet and wholl wryttaris thairto, yearlie convene at tuo severall tymes in the yeir, viz.: in the monethis of Apryle and August, and att all suche other tymes as they salbe warnit by the ordinar officer, and thair the said keipar of the signet with suche as ar appointit commissioneris for that effect sall tak cognitioun and ordour with all complaintis to be presented before thame, according to equitie and reasoun. And if any (being lawfullie warnit) compeir not personallie the tyme and place appoynted (having no lawfull exuis), salbe unlawed in fyve pundis scottis money, and suspendit from all wrytting untill the same be payit, which is to be convertit *ad pios usus*."

"And for better taking ordour heirwith theis commissioneris underwrittin are

speciallie maid choise of to asist the said keipar of the signet in trying offences, imposing of punishmentis, and seing the particular injunctiouns abovewrittin speciallie and preceislie keipit."

(Signed) JOHNE ROS.

"The names of the commissioneris—

MR. WILLIAME SCOTT.	THOMAS YOUNG.
MR. JOHNE HAY.	GEORGE MAK.
MR. PATRIK BALLANTYNE.	THOMAS M'AWLA.
ADAME LAWYIE.	WILLIAM WYLIE.
WALTER HENDERSONE.	ANTONYE QUHYTE.
JAMES KYNNEIR.	

Sic subscribitur.

WALTHAME, 29 Octobris 1609.

ALEXR. HAY."

On 15th November 1609, David Wylie is convened before the said commissioneris "in the hich tolbuith of Edr." on the charge of subscribing bills, letters, etc., not written by himself or his servants, and not keeping "of ane oppin and distinct buith." Having confessed to both faults, and craved time to provide himself with a buith, the commissioners "being advysit, dispensit with him anent biganes," and suspended him from writing to the signet, "quhill he tak up ane oppin buith."

On the same day Archibald Millar being called for the same faults confessed, "and desyrit that all byganes suld be oversene," promising to keep the acts in time coming. He is suspended on the same conditions as in the preceding case.

Harie Wilsoun is simpliciter deprived for breaking the acts, "and specialie ane act maid be his awin consent of befoir, quhairby he oblist himself to keip ane oppin distinct buith be him self, and na wyis to keip with him auld servandis."

22d NOVEMBER. The commissioners convene in the house of Mr. John Layng.

David Moyses is cited for having in his company "ane Mr. James Strauchane, ane commoun agent and nawyis servand or prenteis to ane ordinar wryter of befoir, bot rather ane quha behavit him self as ane maister, notourlie knawin to the bretherene, with thre uther servandis lykewyis knawin to the brether nather to be servandis to the said Mr. James Strauchane, nor to the said David: Alsua for production of the said Davidis awin admissioun nawyis knawin to the saidis commissioneris, specialie sen he had not exerceisit the ordinar wryting to the signet for the space of twentie yeiris of befoir notourlie knawin: The said David compeirit and declairit that he had na admissioun; bot that the keipar of the signet of a lang tyme had ressavit ane warrand for affixing of the signet to his letteris: and grantit the having of the saidis four servandis." He is suspended until he obtain a new admission.

Mr. Robert Bisset, cited for keeping with him one James Cunynghame, "quha besyde the said Mr. Robertis service wrait the register to Andro Couper, Mr. Williame Scotis servand," compeared and confessed having the said James with him, and that he wrote the register in his buith, while he was not employed in his

service. Having "actit" himself not to employ the said James Cunynghame under the pain of deprivation, the case is concluded.

Robert Newlands, cited for subscribing bills and letters not written by himself or his servants in his buith, and for not holding an open buith, confessed the same, but alleged that for letters so subscribed to one David Plumber he received payment. The commissioners considering that the said Robert had "sua aft" broken the acts, deprive him simpliciter.

Intimation is made to David Wylie of his suspension until he keep open buith.

27th NOVEMBER. Mr. John Layng presented to the commissioners the Lord Secretary's letter, which was ordained to be registered thus:—"Loving freind, I wrait to yow of befoir for Mr. Robert Williameson, now in faouris of Johne Ros and Johne Nicoll. I will close my handis from all utheris except upoun deceis, and skairslie than. Of the date at Huntingtoun the xix of November 1609. Your loving and assurit freind Alexr. Hay."

"The brether thocht the wordis abonewrittin of my lordis missive onlie necessar to be insert."

1610.

26th FEBRUARY. Sederunt,—Walter Hendersoun, Mr. Johne Layng, Adame Lawtie, James Kynneir, Williame Wylie, George Mak, Thomas M'Awly, and Anthony Quhite.

Adam Schore, accused of subscribing letters of one Mathow Cuming, and others, denied, and consented that if it should hereafter be verified, he should be deprived. His signature is appended.

Robert Rawsoun, on a similar charge, having also denied, subscribes upon the same condition.

Mr. Robert Williamson, being delated for contravention of the Acts, declared he was ever willing to keep them, and "actit" himself to do so, and to "caus his servand Gawin Blair gif ower his buith at Witsunday nixt."

5th MARCH. John M'Gill being convened for keeping in his buith Cuthbert Miller, who was seeking admission as a writer to the signet, it is found to be contrary to the Acts, and the said John engages to put the said Cuthbert from him, and subscribes.

David Moyses, cited for having in his buith other servants than he had "gevin up" to the commissioners, declared that "he had na uther servandis for the present bot ane Johne Quhippo," and "actit himself" to subscribe no letters but such as should be written by the said John "or sic uther servandis quhairof he suld adverteis the commissioneris" under pain of deprivation.

John Gilmour, cited for "keping of ane buith conjunctlie with Mr. Robert Lermontis chalmer," of his own consent became bound before Whitsunday next to remove from the said "chalmer," or that Mr. Robert Lermont should remove from him, and that no other advocate should come in his place, "or than that the chalmer suld be devydit be dur and loke," under pain of deprivation.

9th MARCH. The commissioners ordain that no ordinary writer to the signet in time of session be found within the burgh of Edinburgh "upon the gate" without his gowne upon him, under pain of deprivation: and that no ordinary writer in time of session be found drinking in taverns, under the pain of five pounds *toties quoties*.

"The quhilk day Abacuk Bisset being convenit as alleging him to be ane ordinar writer to the signet, and yit making his residence in Aberdene, the said Abacuk comperit and declairit that tuiching his residence in Aberdene he had ane dispensatioun: and being demandit quhairfore he had na gowne according to the ordour, he said he had provydit nane." The commissioners suspend him until he "report ane new testimoniall of my lord secretar."

"The quhilk day the commissioneris ordanit the haill bretherene to gif support according to thair chirritie for help of the pure Italiane, Francis de Parisco."

12th MARCH. Walter Dick, cited for subscribing letters written by his son, admitted the charge, whereupon the commissioners "having consideratioun, dispensit for bygane subscriving," and the said Walter acted himself to conform to the rules on that point.

Robert Stewart is suspended for not compearing to answer to certain charges, and is warned to compear that day eight days under pain of deprivation.

19th MARCH. The said Robert Stewart, compearing, is accused of "subscriving letters for agentis and servandis to men of law," not written by himself and his own servants in his buith, and for subscribing precepts upon signatures not written by himself, etc. He denies the charges, and promises to observe the acts in time coming.

14th MAY. Sederunt, Mr. Johne Layng, Adame Lawtie, Thomas Young, William Wylie, James Kynneir, Thomas M'Awlay.

The commissioners ordain "that act maid that na writter suld write lettres to the hurt or prejudice of my lord secretar, his office, or depute kepar of the signet, to be exponit and understude as followis:—To wit that it sall not be lesum to ony wryter to the signet to contene in ane lettre ony ma commissioneris preceptis nor ane, or ony decretis gevin be the lordis, shireffis, bailleis of regaliteis, bailleis of burghs, contractis or obligatiounis, bot ane in every lettre, according as thair is severall decretis, preceptis, contractis, or obligatiounis: Quhairby the kepar of the signet be not prejigit in the dewitie of the signet, nor the writer in his dewitie of every lettre."

AT EDINBURGH, 31st JULY. The Lord Secretary ratifies and approves the commission aforesaid, and the whole acts of the commissioners. The minute is signed "Alexr. Hay."

3d NOVEMBER. Sederunt, the commissioners, Mr. John Layng, William Wylie, James Kynneir, Mr. Patrick Bannatyne, George Mak, Anthone Quhite, Thomas M'Awlay.

George Mak is appointed "to pas throw the bretherene's buithis and tak tryall quhat enormities and contraventionis ar committit agane the actis," and to report

monthly to Mr. John Layng and the brethren, under the pain of forty shillings each month.

31st JULY. "Sederunt, my lord secretar, Maister Johne Layng, Maister Johne Hay, Adame Lawtie, Thomas Young, Mr. Patrik Bannatyne, Williame Wylie, George Mak, James Kynneir, Thomas M'Awlay, Anthone Quhite.

"The quhilk day my lord secretar and the commissioneris foirsaidis being convenit, upoun gude considerations moving, his lordship and the saidis commissioneris statutis and ordanis that in time coming all personis, writteris to the signet, quhen thai salhappin to ressave ony personis, prenteissis to thame, sall at the ressait of the saidis prenteissis, mak ane indentur betuixt thame, quhairby the saidis prenteissis salbe bund to serve thair maisteris for the space of sevin yeiris efter the making of the said indentur; and that the saidis wryteris, the tyme of the ressait of thair saidis prenteissis and making of the saidis indenturis, present the same to the commissioneris, that ane recorde and note may be maid in the register buik of the actis of the saidis ordinar wryteris, of the names of the saidis prenteissis and time of thair indenturis, that thairby the commissioneris may understand that the saidis prenteissis sall serve the hail yeiris of thair indenturis before thai sall sute benefite of ane ordinar writer to the signet. And that in caice of deceis of their maisteris in the menetye, the saidis prenteissis be the advyse of the saidis commissioneris may be directit to serve uther ordinar writteris during the said space of sevin yeiris, utherwyis the saidis prenteissis to be incapable of the benefite to the wryting to the signet, and thair maisteris ressavaris of thame to be simpliciter depyvit. And ordanis Thomas M'Awlay, clerk to the saidis commissioneris, to ressave the saidis indenturis and note thairrof."

"The said day the said lord secretar and the saidis commissioneris ordanit and appointit Richard Cas and Johne Eistoun to be of the nowmer of the commissioneris."

William Speir, cited for contravening the acts, confessed, and "actit" himself to observe the same hereafter under pain of deprivation.

William Wylie is ordained "to subseryve na letters to Maister James Strath-auchane, nor na utheris that ar knawin to be his prenteissis or servandis, and to remove fra him the said Mr. James and have na thing to do with him."

16th NOVEMBER. The said day John Cas and James Stratoun are referred to the commissioners for trial of their qualifications, "in respect of my lord secretaris presentatioun and Johnne Wardlawis place vakand."

The complaint of David Wylie for his restitution is referred to a larger meeting.

3d DECEMBER. "Sederunt, Mr. Johne Layng, Mr. Johne Hay, Adame Lawtie, Richard Cas, Mr. Patrick Bannatyne, George Mak, Thomas Young, Johne Eistoun, James Kynneir, Williame Wylie, Anthone Quhite, Thomas M'Awlay." (No business recorded.)

22d DECEMBER. The same sederunt, except Adam Lawtie, James Kynneir, and William Wylie.

John Eistoun and Anthone Quhite report anent the qualifications of John Cas

and James Stratoun, that they considered they might be admitted as writers to the signet. The commissioners thereupon admit the said persons, who swear to observe the acts. They also subscribe.

David Wylie is reponed on condition that he keep the acts "and write na lettres in tyme cuming bot with his awin hand, utherways to be simpliciter depyvit." He subscribes.

1611.

14th JANUARY. Patrick Small being at the horn at the instance of Mr. John Adamson, is suspended until he be relaxed.

26th JANUARY. Compeared Robert Rawsoun, writer, and according to the act anent booking apprentices "producit Johne Hammiltoun, sone to Gawin Hammiltoun, indwellar in Edinburgh, his prenteis," together with the indenture made between them, and desired that a note and record be made thereof, which the commissioners ordained to be done, and the note is entered bearing that the indenture was made at Edinburgh on 1st January 1611, and witnessed by Patrick Hamiltoun, notary, and Patrick Hamilton, locksmith, burgess of Edinburgh.

Compeared also Robert Kirkwod, and produced James Lowrie, son lawful to the deceased Alexander Lowrie, burgess of Perth, as his apprentice, with his indenture, of which a note is made as above. The indenture is dated at Edinburgh, 22d November 1610, and consenting thereto are Barbara Blair, mother of the said James Lowrie, Mr. James Oliphant, apparent of Newtoun, and William Blair of Tarsappie, as cautioners; the engagement being for three years, and the "prenteis fie" £100. The witnesses are Alexander Lowrie, brother to said James, and John Mudie, servant.

12th MARCH. "Delyverit to Johne M'Gill be directioun of the commissioneris, aucht pundis."

24th MARCH. Sederunt, Mr. Johne Layng, James Kynneir, Mr. William Scot, Johnne Eistoun, Mr. Johne Hay, David Wylie, Richard Cas, George Mak, Thomas M'Awlay.

Supplications given in by David Logane and Thomas Coutis for admission to the signet, with their presentations subscribed by the secretary, are continued to the next meeting.

16th MAY. Sederunt, Mr. John Layng, Richard Cas, Thomas Young, Mr. James Skene, John Eistoun, Mr. Patrik Bannatyne, William Wylie, George Mak, Thomas M'Awlay.

Intimation is given to all the writers present that no bills are to be given to any macer, "bot onlie to Mr. James Skenes chalmer, quhilk salbe patent quhill ten houris befor none every day."

George Mak, their procurator-fiscal, is ordained "to pas throuch the hail ordinar writeris buithis and mak intimatioun to thame that thai present all thair prenteissis gif ony be ressavit be thame sen Martinmes last," and also "to caus every ordinar writer write his awin name and mark it with his signe, according as

he intendis to subscriye his billis to be gevin in befor the lordis, and to delyver the saidis names and signes to Mr. James Skene, that he may keip the same for the better knowlege of the saidis ordinar wryteris names and subscriptionis, as alsua to try gif thair be ony ma ordinar wryteris in ane buith nor ane, and quhat wryteris subscriye agentis billis and lettres not writtin be thameselfis and thair awin servandis," and any other "enormiteis," and to report his diligence.

27th MAY. Sederunt, Mr. John Layng, Mr. John Hay, Richard Cas, Thomas Young, John Eistoun, George Mak, Thomas M'Awlay, William Wylie, Anthone Quhyte.

Thomas Coutis is ordained "to be tryit of his qualificatioun this day aucht dayes, in presens of the haill commissioneris, conforme to the actis."

Thomas Young, master to the said Thomas Coutis, because he had not his indenture to produce, affirmed "upoun his conscience" that there was an indenture.

Absentees are ordained to be "unlawit."

3d JUNE. Sederunt, Mr. John Layng, Mr. John Hay, Adam Lawtie, Thomas Young, Richard Cas, Mr. Patrik Bannatyne, James Kynneir, George Mak, John Eistoun, Thomas M'Awlay, Anthone Quhite, William Wylie.

William Wylie is suspended until "he tak ane uther buith for his wryting nor he is presentlie into, and procure ane prenteis to be buikit in presens of the commissioneris."

Mr. Robert Bisset, for writing letters "informalie" is fined £3 for one fault.

All writers who were at any time agents, since the act for discharging agents, to be censured and "put to pecuniall unlawis."

1st JULY. Sederunt as in previous minute, excepting William Wylie and Anthone Quhite.

Adam Lawtie, Richard Cas, and James Kynneir, having been appointed to try Thomas Couttis' qualification, report in his favour, and he is accordingly admitted in the usual manner.

Commission by Sir Thomas Hamiltoun of the Byres, in favour of Adam Lawtie, James Kynneir, Richard Cas, Thomas M'Awlay, and James Wynrahame, or any three of them conjunctly, in similar terms to those previously recorded. Subscribed at Edinburgh, 27th November 1612.

1612.

7th DECEMBER. It is minuted that the writers undersubscribing, having heard the acts read, gave their oaths to observe them: also, that the "haill ordinar wryteris to the signet," having convened within "the hich tolbuith of Edinburgh," the commission aforesaid was read, and intimation made to them "of my lordis resolute mynd" for keeping the acts. The subscribers are "Johne Ross, Johnne Nicoll, Tho. Couttis, W. Stark, A. Hay, Richard Guthrie, Jo. Peter, D. Logane."

It is ordained that on the back of all letters and precepts, the writer thereof "write upoun the bak of the saidis letteris and preceptis thir wordis, writtin be me servand to my lordis," and that the wryter put his name thairto, under pain of deprivation."

1613.

9th JANUARY. John Balfour having been duly cited for not keeping open buith and making paction with agents, does not compear, and is suspended until he obey the summons.

Abacuk Bisset having given in a supplication bearing that he was suspended by the commissioners from writing, and desiring to be reponed so as to "use the said office alsweill within the burgh of Edinburgh as furth thair of, notwithstanding the actis maid in the contrair," the commissioneris "being advysit" suspend the said Abacuk "as of befor, quhill he keip oppin buith."

16th JANUARY. Sederunt, Adam Lawtie, Richard Cas, James Winrahame, James Kynneir, Thomas M'Cawlay.

Mr. John Paip, Robert Rawsoun, and Johne Ros, being "convenit" before the commissioners "for using of thame selfis as commoun agentis in solliciting of the lordis, informing of advocatis, and passing of signatouris and infetmentis throw the seallis," confess the fault, and are dispensed with "for byganes," and act themselves to keep the rules.

Thomas Crambie, Henry Oliphant, and David Logane "convened" for the like offence, are admonished, and become bound in like manner.

James Ramsay having craved to be "buikit" as servant to Robert Rawsoun, the commissioners find that "he culd nawyis serve the said Robert conforme to thair actis," and the said Robert Rawsoun is ordained to "separate him self fra the said James."

13th FEBRUARY. John Thomsone and William Speir, writers, having been warned to compear that order might be taken "anent thair removing furth of this burgh in sa far as concernis thair wryting to the signet," they failed to compear; whereupon "the depute kepar of the signet" is ordained not to affix the signet to any letters or precepts to be subscribed by them, or written by their servants, until they compear.

"The said day my lord secretar and his commissioneris, understanding that sindrie of the craftis of the burgh of Edinburgh ar burdening sum of the wryteris to the signet to becum thair clerkis, and to keip thair assembleis and meitingis contrare to equitie and ressoun, and to the reputatioun of the saidis wryteris, quhais calling hes evir bene repute mair honourabill nor thairwith to becum clerkis to sic inferior callingis. Thairfore the said lord secretar, and his saidis commissioneris, statutis and ordanis that it sall nawyis be lesum to ony wryter to the signet to tak upoun him, in ony tyme cuming, to becum clerk to ony of the saidis craftis or trades of the said burgh, bot to attend and serve our soverane lordis lieges in the said vocation of wryting to the signet, quhairby the samin be not disgracit with the saidis base and unworthie clerkshipis, under the pane of deprivation. And gif ony wryter hes already takin upoun him the clerkship to ony craft, that fra this furth he decist and ceis thairfra, under the pane fairsaid."

30th JULY. Anent the complaint given in before the commissioners by John Millar in Claypottis, with concurrence of Mr. James Stewart, commissary of Dunkeld, against George Nasmyth, "servitor to Robert Kirkwod, wryter," to the effect that

the complainer having obtained decret before the Lords of Session against James Nasmyth of Invar, father to the said George, for payment of certain sums, and having put the said James to the horn for nonpayment, and thereafter intending to apprise his lands, conform to the order, intimation having been duly made by Thomas Maknab, messenger, that the apprising should take place in the Tolbuith of Perth, at a certain day, the officer, on his way thereto was stayed, and the apprising frustrated "upoun the occasioun of an allegit suspensioun contening discharge of the said apprising allegit to have been purchest be the said James Nasmyth . . . quhairof ane pretendit copie wes gevin to the said officer, quhilk wes writtin be the said George of purpois to frustrat the said apprysing." The commissioners, after hearing the depositions of witnesses and the said George's own confession of having written the said copy, find that he "did wrang in the wryting of the said copie, thair being no principall lettre for the warrand thereof, and thairfore, and that utheris servandis to wryteris may eschew the doing of the like in tyme cuming, the saidis commissioneris, all in ane voce, ordanis the said George to be removit fra his said maisteris service," until by his supplication to the lord secretary and his commissioners he should seek to be reponed.

1616.

3d DECEMBER. "The haill brether wryteris to the signet" being convened by James Winrahame, keeper of the signet, by direction of the lord secretary, it was intimated that the burgh of Couper had given in a supplication before the lords, desiring their help, with that of the whole members of the College of Justice, "for reparatioun of thair buildingis and guidis, laitlie brunt and distroyit be fyre," and that the lords had granted the supplication: the brethren were therefore desired to declare what they would do in the matter: "The haill brether all in ane voce grantit to gif them supplie as thai suld be movit thairto of thair awin willis," and James Kynneir and another of their number are ordained to collect the supply.

3d DECEMBER. "Andro Hammiltoun having gevin in his supplicatioun to the said brether for sum helpe and supplie to his grite necessitie, and as he that sumtyme had servit sum of the brether: And the said supplicatioun being red and considerit, the haill brether votit to gif the said Andro sum supplie out of certane money that wes in ane box of tymmer of thairs in the handis of Thomas M'Awlay thair clerk: and thairfore desyrit to gif the said Andro out of the said money for his helpe Twentie pundis, upoun conditioun that he suld not trubill thame with ony forder sute in tyme cuming."

The receipt follows, signed by the said Andro, under date 5 December 1616.

At the same time the brethren appoint the said Thomas (their clerk), to give £6 to James Brysoun, keeper of the high tolbuith "quherin the said brether convenit."

1618.

29th JUNE. The commissioners and "haill wryteris to the signet" being convened in the "hich tolbuith," and having considered their acts and ordinances, and especially the act anent subscribing letters to agents or others which are not written by the said writers or their own servants in their own buiths, they find the

said acts "weill set down and necessar to be observit," and therefore of new ratify and approve the same: and further, they ordain James Winrahame, keeper of the signet, to keep such letters when they come into his hands, until he exhibit them before the commissioners, that order may be taken thereanent.

"AT EDR. the viii. of AUGUST. "The quhilk day the commissioneris underwritin having convenit in the wryting chalmer of Adame Lawtie, ane of the saidis commissioneris, according to my lord secretaris direction, for consideration of ane act maid be the lordis of Counsall and Sessioun anent the forming and making of signaturis, and marking thame on the bak with the signe and subscription manuall of the wrytar, former thairof, and for intimatioun of the said act to the haill wrytaris, conforme to the tennour thairof: And the saidis commissioneris having red and considerit the said act, thay ordanit the samin to be intimat to the haill brether, of the quhilk act the tennor followis"—(not entered).

Mr. Adam Hall gave in supplication for some help in his "grite necessitie," "and as he that sumtyme had bene ane advocat and sua ane brother," the commissioners agreed to give him £20, "as the rest of sum money in ane tymmer box in the handis of Thomas M'Awly thair clerk, upoun conditioun that the said Mr. Adam suld not trubill thame with ony sic sute in tyme cuming."

Receipt follows, of same date.

Receipt is recorded from James Menteith, servitor to Thomas, lord Bynning, to Thomas M'Awlay and David Anderson, writers, for the sum of "sevin scor vj^{li} xvij^s iiij^d" as the contribution of the writers to the signet "to the supplie of the brig of Crawford" to be delivered to the "Mr. of wark." Subscribed at Edinburgh, 21 August 1618. The witnesses are, Thomas Ellis, servitor to the master of work, Thomas Anderson, servitor to James Winrahame, writer, and Francis Kennedy, servitor to the said Thomas.

1626.

1st DECEMBER. Compeared John Balfour, writer, and produced Robert Nicholl, his servant, to be "buikit," declaring he had "na man servandis bot the said Robert Nicholl, and ane Adame Nisbitt," and that he should subscribe no letters writtin by any other person under pain of deprivation. (Signed) Johne Balfour.

(Note) "The saxt of Februar 1628, Johne declaris he has na servandis bot Adame Nisbet and Richie Home."

Commission by Thomas, Earl of Melrose, secretary. The names of the commissioners are not entered, and the document is otherwise incomplete.

1627.

12th DECEMBER. William Neilsoun, lately servitor to Thomas Coutis, writer, is admitted, and subscribes the acts.

14th DECEMBER. Admission of Richard Guthrie, lately servitor to Mr. John Scharpe of Houstoun, advocate.

AT THE TOLBUITH OF EDINBURGH, 28th DECEMBER. The writers to His Majesty's Signet being convened with Sir Archibald Achesone of Clancarny, knight, secretary to his majesty, it was agreed that a commission should be granted by him to a selected number of the said writers, for reforming of abuses, and establishing of good order in time to come.

The commissioners condescended on are, Adam Lawtie, Richard Cas, James Wynrame, Thomas M'Cawlay, David Andersone, Mr. Francis Hay, Robert Pringill, James Stratoun, Robert Kirkwode, John Gilmore.

The keepers of the signet are Robert Alschinder, Mr. James Law.

It was concluded that "all the wrytters to the signet should heireftir keip four generall quarterlie meetings in every yeir, in the tolbuith of Edinburgh, upon the first Monday of every quarter in the foirnoone, and the first generall meiting to be upon the first Monday of Februar nixtocum, 1628, and so furth," to assist in the reformation of abuses, etc.

The said quarterly meetings to be without warning; writers absent without lawful excuse, to be fined 5 merks, and commissioners 10 merks.

The commissioners are empowered to call particular meetings, and to meet oftener and when they please, and to call before them any party, who, being cited by the officer and not compearing, shall be suspended for his contumacy, and fined 5 merks for his absence. Robert Alschinder is appointed convener, and Thomas Makcawlay "confirmed to be still keiper of the register of the said wrytteris."

Hugh Rosse is elected procurator-fiscal, and Robert M'Oven confirmed as officer.

It is agreed also to have a box for the fines and unlaws, with two keys, one to be held by the keeper of the register, the other by Robert Alschinder, keeper of the signet.

It is agreed that all the writers shall before next general meeting produce their gifts to the keepers of the signet to be "taken notice of" by them, so that they may signet their precepts without hesitation.

It is statute and agreed upon that all the writers to the signet shall give up the names of their servants and apprentices, and the time during which they have served them, and how long their apprenticeship lasts, to be registered by the said Thomas M'Cawlay.

Also, that "na prenteis be admitted heireftir, without bringing with him a competent stand of musterable armes, to lye to his use in the commone storehous or magasin of the said wrytteris, thair to be left for evir after the death or deprivation of the said prenteise, or eftir his preferment to ony uther calling, or relinquishing of his profession and calling as a prenteis, servand, or wrytter to the signet."

Also, that the writers to the signet give present warning to all their new servants and prentices to provide themselves every man with a sufficient stand of musterable arms, before the next general meeting on the first Monday of February 1628: and that they be ready to be trained to the use thereof, as is directed by His Majesty, or as shall be prescribed by the writers at their next session.

Further, that the keepers of the signet shall carefully observe "the informaliteis, erroris, and blottingis in preceptis and letteris," and represent the same to the secretary and commissioners, that they "may be reformed and punished."

Also, that the statute formerly made for writing of signatures upon parchment, shall, after the next general meeting, be duly observed and put to execution, "becaus signatures ar the ground wark of all the leiges infetmentis, and most necessar to be weill kept and maid furth cuming to be produced in improbatiouns."

"Item, becaus it hath been demonstrated, that ather thair hath been, or may be, abuseis committed in cutting of lettres and inserting bandis or decreittes thairin after the signeting thair of, thairfore it is statute that every band heireftir have the awin lettres: and quhair delyverances of billis ar made beiring thir wordis (conforme to the band), the wrytteris to send the said band or decreit to the signet to be collationed with the warrand and lettres; and ar to injoyne thair servantis and prentises to behave thame selfis orderlie and decentlie at the said signet, without giving injurious wordis or other distastable behaviour."

Also, that these presents be registered in the writers' register, and there subscribed by the whole of the writers. The signatures follow, to the number of sixty-nine.

The commission above referred to is here registered. It is dated at Edinburgh, 4th January 1628.

1628.

24th MARCH. David Crichtoun, writer, having confessed to the charge of writing the extracts of registered obligations, and thereafter writing letters thereupon, enacts himself not to do so again, under pain of deprivation.

23d JUNE. Mr. James Farquharsoun, writer, desired that his prentice John Tais, son to William Tais in Glengairne, should be "buikit" as his prentice, bound for three years: and to that effect "producit ane angell."

"In Robert Alexanderis chalmer, wryter in Edinburgh, and ane of the keiparis of the signet."

The commissioners ratify the act "anent raising of lettres severallie upoun ilk severall decrete, precept, registrat obligation and uther severall warrandis," and that every contravention shall incur a fine of five merks.

Also, they ratify the act for the booking of indentures of the writers' prentices, and ordain Robert M'Quwne, their officer, to intimate the same: and that the said indentures be produced to Thomas M'Awlay, clerk to the commissioners, and for every indenture to pay ten merks, viz., five to the box, and five to the said Thomas, for his services.

30th JUNE. "Johne Peters unlaw of xx merkis wes debursit for making of the box. George Haliburtoun, Robert Wallace, and David Crichtoun thair unlaws, extending to nyne pundis xvj^s wes this day, in presens of the commissioneris, put in the box, and the tua keyis, ane left withe the keparis of the signet, and the uther delyverit to Thomas M'Cawlay."

30th JUNE. John Baird, writer in Edinburgh, produced two indentures of his apprentices to be booked, and gave an angel to the box. The first indenture is for James Forrest, youngest son of Mr. Patrick Forrest of Archerfield, advocate, as apprentice to the said John Baird: dated at Edinburgh, 31st March 1628. Witnesses, Zerrard Birkheid of Holmesyde, Mr. Alexander Forbes, and Thomas Brokie, servitors to the said John Baird. The second indenture is for James Irving, second son of John Irving of Ardtamfurde, with consent of Mr. William

Davidson of Orde, as "burden taker" for him, to be apprentice to the said John Baird, for three years: dated at Edinburgh, 17th June 1628.

Ten merks are paid to the box for these two indentures, on 7th July 1628.

James Kirkwode, lately servitor to Robert Kirkwode, writer to the signet, is admitted, after due trial, to the office of writer to the signet, in room of the late James Scott.

7th JULY. The aforesaid James Kirkwode enacted himself to keep the acts, and gave in £12 to the box.

James Anderson, lawful son to James Andersoun in the Grange of Allway, is booked as apprentice to George Watson, writer, for three years: John Henderson, writer in Edinburgh, becomes bound for him. The indenture is of date 1st January 1628. The witnesses are Christopher Russell, baxter, burgess of Stirling, George Pacok, servitor to the said George Watson, and Andrew Mansioun, writer in Edinburgh. Paid into the box, £3, 6s. 8d.

14th JULY. John Kennwie, son to Mr. Peter Kennwie of Ettilstoun, is booked apprentice to Robert Kirkwode, writer, for four years. The date of the indenture is 4th March 1628. £3, 4s. paid into the box.

Richard Guthrie, lately admitted writer to the signet, paid in "the ordinaire money" (£12) to the box.

Alexander Blair, lately servitor to the deceased Mr. Robert Winrahame, writer, is, after due trial, admitted as an ordinary writer to the signet, in the room of the said Mr. Robert. He pays £12 to the box, and subscribes the minute.

23d JULY. Admission of John Smith, sometime prentice to the deceased George Mak, writer, after due trial, to be a writer to the signet. [On the margin he is said to be admitted in the place of Robert Gairdner.]

John Masoun, son to Robert Masoun, merchant, burgess of Edinburgh, and now prentice to Thomas Edzar, writer to the signet, produced his indenture, of date 25th February last, in order that he might be booked "as prenteis and servand" to the said Thomas Edzar, for three years. Paid to the box, £3, 6s. 8d.

18th DECEMBER. Mr. Henrie Charteris, son of the deceased Mr. Henrie Charteris, Professor of Divinity, in King James' College, and prentice and servant to James Stratoun, writer to the signet, produced his indenture, dated 24th June 1628, to which his father was party, to be booked. His term is three years. Paid to the box, £3, 6s. 8d.

24th DECEMBER. Cuthbert Miller, writer, produced the indenture between him and Alexander Nicholson, youngest son of the late Mr. William Nicholson, Sheriff-clerk of Clackmannan, to which Margaret Hutson, relict of the said Mr. William Nicholson, is a party, of date at Alloway and Edinburgh, the 18th and 23d days of August 1628, for booking the said Alexander as prentice and servant to the said Cuthbert Miller, for three years. Paid to the box, £3, 6s. 8d.

29th DECEMBER. Indenture of Alexander Smith, son of the late Thomas Smith, merchant, burgess of Edinburgh, with consent of Elizabeth Ker, his mother, and of

John Smith, merchant, burgess of Edinburgh, his brother-german, as prentice to John Smith, writer, for three years from Martinmas 1628: the indenture is dated 27th February 1628. Duty £3, 6s. 8d.

1629.

1st JANUARY. John Pitcairns, on behalf of William Blak, son of the late James Blak, skipper, burgess of Anstruther, produced indenture of the said William, as prentice and servant to John Ker, writer, of date at Edinburgh, 11th November 1628. Consenting thereto are Margaret Barekley, mother of the said William, Andrew Ainslie, merchant, burgess of Edinburgh, and Alexander Blak, skipper, burgess of Anstruther: the term is four years. Paid to the box, £3, 6s. 8d.

2d FEBRUARY. Andrew Scott, chirurgion, burgess of Edinburgh, produced indenture of his son Robert Scott, as prentice to Hary Veache, writer to the signet, for five years from the date of indenture, viz., 3d December 1628. Paid to the box, £3, 6s. 8d.

MEMORANDUM OF UNLAWS PUT INTO THE BOX.

30th June 1628, for the unlaws of George Haliburton, Robert Wallace, and David Crichtoun, for contravention of the acts, £9, 16s.

29th December, unlaws from "sindrie personis," £12, 11s.

Produced by David Anderson, to be put into the box, delivered to him by Mr. Alexander Hay, at command of the lords, 10 merks.

Produced by Robert Alexander, for an unlaw taken from Cuthbert Miller, two dollars.

Unlaws put into the box on Monday the 9th of February 1629, in presence of the commissioners, £4, 14s.

23d FEBRUARY. "The quhilk day the commissioneris ratifeis the act maid anent admission of prenteissis and servandis that hes servit sevin yeiris prenteis or servand at leist, with this additioun that the saidis prenteissis having servit sevin yeiris at leist, yit sall not be admittit to be ane ordinar wryter to the signet, unles thai be past the age of twentie fyve yeiris."

3d MARCH. Admission as writer to the signet, of James Campbell, sometime servant and prentice to the late William Cunynghame, writer to the signet. Paid to the box, £12. [On the margin it is said "in the rowme and place of Alexander Sempill."]

6th APRIL. John Peter, writer, produced indenture of Mr. James Hamilton, son of Claude Hamiltoun of Mauchlingholl, to be booked as his prentice and servant for three years from the date of indenture, at Edinburgh, 9th March 1629. Gave in to the box, £3, 6s. 8d.

15th MAY. Admission as writer to the signet, of Arthur Stratoun, lately servitor to James Stratoun, writer. Paid to the box, £12. [On the margin "in place of Robert Nicholsoun."]

19th MAY. Mr. John Andersoun, son of David Andersoun, one of the ordinary clerks to the signet, is admitted as a writer to the signet, and clerk thereto, in place of John Balfoure. Put into the box, £12.

27th MAY. Adam Watt, sometime servitor to David Anderson, writer, is admitted an ordinary writer and clerk to the signet. Gave in to the box, £12. [On the margin "in the place of umquhile Mairtine Newall."]

9th JUNE. Gavin Blair, lately servitor to Sir William Scott of Elie, knight, and sometime prentice and servant to the late Arthur Hamiltoun, writer, admitted as an ordinary writer and clerk to the signet, in place of the said Arthur Hamiltoun. He engages to pay £12, etc.

20th JULY. The indenture of James Crawford, prentice to James Campbell, one of the clerks to the signet, and second son of Patrick Crawford of Auchnemes, is produced for booking. The term is five years from the date of indenture, 24th March 1629. Paid £3, 6s. 8d.

Indenture of Thomas Forbes, third son of William Forbes of Barns, as prentice and servant to Quintin Kennedy, one of the ordinary clerks to the signet, for three years from date of indenture, at Aberdeen, 3d June 1629, booked. Paid £3, 6s. 8d.

3d AUGUST. Indenture of John Rankene, son of John Rankene, merchant, burgess of Edinburgh, as prentice and servant to Robert Wallace, writer to the signet, for three years from date, at Edinburgh, 2d July 1629 : booked. Paid £3, 6s. 8d.

12th OCTOBER. Indenture of Andrew Bonar, son of John Bonar of Lumquhat, as prentice to Danyell Melville, writer, for four years from date, at Edinburgh, 26th September 1629. Paid £3, 6s. 8d.

19th OCTOBER. Alexander Hay declared that he had entered in service with Robert Wallace, writer, on 16th June last, and desired a record to be made thereof. Paid £3, 6s. 8d.

23d NOVEMBER. Indenture of George Stobo, son of Archibald Stobo in Dunglass, as prentice and servant to Mr. James Farquharson, writer to the signet, for four years from date, at Edinburgh, 18th June 1629. Paid £3, 6s. 8d.

24th NOVEMBER. James Kirkwode desired that Robert Dumber, who came to his service twenty days before, should be booked as his servant. Paid £3, 6s. 8d.

14th DECEMBER. Indenture of George Diksoun, son of the late John Diksoun, writer in Edinburgh, as apprentice to Richard Guthrie, writer, for four years from the date of indenture, 19th November 1629. As consenters and cautioners, Mr. William Scott, Doctor of Physic, Mr. David Heriot, and George Scott, merchant, cousins-german to the said George Diksoun, are mentioned.

28th DECEMBER. Admission of Mr. James Law, one of the keepers of the signet, to be an ordinary writer and clerk thereto, in place of Adam Lawtie. Gave £12.

1630.

4th JANUARY. Admission of Archibald Gibsoun, sometime prentice to the late William Cunynghame, writer, in room and place of the deceased Robert Rawsoun, writer. Gave £12.

11th JANUARY. Indenture of Mr. John Drummond, son of Patrick Drummond of Lemoch, as prentice to John Mudie, writer, for three years from date, at Edinburgh, 5th December 1629. Paid £3, 6s. 8d.

25th JANUARY. Indenture of William Scott, eldest son of Mr. Robert Scott of Balmonth, as prentice to Arthur Stratoun, younger, writer, for three years from date, at Edinburgh, 17th July 1629. Paid £3, 6s. 8d.

26th JANUARY. Indenture of Harie Dow, son to William Dow of Wester Row, as prentice and servitor to James Wilsoun, writer to the signet, for five years from Martinmas last. The indenture is dated at Edinburgh, 5th August 1629. Harie Dow of Arnhall is cautioner.

1st FEBRUARY. Admission of Mr. James Murray, sometime prentice and servitor to the late Robert Alexander, writer, in room of the latter. Gave £12.

8th FEBRUARY. Indenture of Daniel Ker, brother-german to Hew Ker of Kersland, as prentice to Andrew Nemo, writer, for four years from date, at Edinburgh, 7th November 1629. The said Hew Ker, and David Dumbar of Enterkin, are cautioners. Paid £3, 6s. 8d.

15th FEBRUARY. Mr. Patrick Pitcairn declared that he had been servitor to Robert Kirkwode, writer, having entered "sum quarter of ane yeir since." His master therefore gave in to the box, £6.

8th MARCH. Indenture of Andrew Robertson, son of Gilbert Robertson, writer, as prentice to John Cok, writer, for three years from date, 11th February last. The commissioners dispense with the "prenteis dewitie, for gude consideratiouns moving thame."

22d MARCH. Admission of Alexander Aikenheid, lately servitor to Andrew Hay, writer, and one of the clerks to the signet, to be "wryter and clerk thairto" in the place of ——. Put into the box, £12.

6th APRIL. Indenture of Thomas M'Millane, eldest son of Thomas M'Millane, merchant, burgess of Dumfries, as prentice to John Peter, writer, for five years from date, 15th March last. Gave in to the box, £6.

Admission of Alexander Douglas, lately servitor to Robert Pringle, writer, and one of the clerks to the signet, as writer and clerk thereto.

30th APRIL. Act ordaining that any writer receiving "ane other brother's servand without his maisteris consent" shall be fined.

It is enacted that if the duty of prentices and servants be not paid in within forty days after entering, it shall be doubled, and the master shall pay it.

24th MAY. Indenture of Alexander Purves, son of Andrew Purves, merchant, burgess of Edinburgh, as prentice to John Baird, writer to the signet, for three years from date, 23d April last. Gave in to the box, £6.

21st JUNE. Indenture of William Hall, son to John Hall, indweller in Elphinstoun, as prentice to John Smith, writer, for three years from date, 24th May 1630. Gave in £6.

21st JUNE. Indenture of Andrew Couper, eldest son of the late William, bishop of Galloway, as prentice to James Wilsoun, writer, for three years from date of indenture, 21st December 1629. Grissell Anderson, mother of the said Andrew, is consenter to the deed. Gave in £6.

28th JUNE. Indenture of William Dunbar, son of the late William Dunbar of Wilkheavin, as prentice to Robert Wallace, writer, for three years from date, 28th April last. Mr. John Nicholsoun, servitor to Mr. John Skene, one of the clerks before the Lords of Council and Session, is cautioner. Duty £6.

27th SEPTEMBER. Admission of Andrew Mansioun, sometime servitor to the late Robert Lawder, writer, and one of the clerks to the signet, as "ane of the ordinar clerkis and wryteris thairto."

22d NOVEMBER. Indenture of John Bruce, brother to Andrew Bruce, younger of Earlsall, as prentice to Andrew Mansioun, writer, for three years from date, at Edinburgh and Earlsall, 9th and 11th days of July last. Duty £6.

Indenture of Lues Bade, son of Adam Baid in Elphinstoun, as prentice to George Watson, writer, for four years from date, 13th September 1630. Duty £6.

20th DECEMBER. Indenture of William Hamiltoun, son of Richard Hamiltoun, at Maytrie of Kynneill, as prentice to John Mwdie, writer, for four years from date, 10th October last. Duty £6.

Indenture of Harie Burdoun, son of the deceased Mr. James Burdoun, minister at Muthill, with advice and consent of William Burdoun, portioner of Feddellis, and Mr. William Menzies, minister at Killin, his curators, as prentice to Mr. James Murray, writer to the signet, for three years from the term of Martinmas last. Date of indenture, 7th December instant. Duty £6.

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13th FEBRUARY. Indenture of William Reddoch, eldest son of David Reddoch, of Aberlednok, as prentice to John Ker, writer, for three years from date, 17th November 1630. Duty £6.

31st JANUARY. "The haill brether, viz., the clerkis of the sessioun and clerkis wryteris to the signet, being convenit in the hich tolbuith of Edr., according to the lordis of Sessioun thair directioun and ordinance, anent the chusing and electing of certane persounis of thair nowmer, to be collectoures and ressavaris of the saidis clerkis and wryteris and thair servandis voluntar contributioun for the help and supplie of the pure distressit pepill of the Palatinat, conforme to the ordoure sett doun thairanent be the lordis of Secrete Counsall; the saidis clerkis of sessioun and signet, for obedience of the said ordinance, all in ane voce electit, nominat, and chusit Maister Williame Scott, ane of the ordinar clerkis of sessioun, and Johnne Ker, ane of the ordinar clerkis and wryteris to the signet, to be collectouris ffor ingaddering and collecting of the said voluntare contributioun fra the haill ordinar clerkis and wryteris and thair servandis: and to that effect ordanis the saidis collectouris to present to the saidis clerkis of sessioun and clerkis to the signet and thair servandis, ane buik having this act insert therein, that everie brother may wryte his awin name with the contributioun quhilk he gifis, that the samyn may be the better knawin: and quhen the said contribution is collectit, to present the buik and collectioun to the haill brether at thair meiting, that the samyn may be delyverit to the collectour generall to that effect."

28th MARCH. Indenture of Alexander Beatoun, second son to Alexander Beatoun, burgess of Anstruther, as prentice to Alexander Douglas, writer to the signet, for four years from date, 14th January last. Duty £6.

5th JULY. Indenture of Thomas Robertson, son of Thomas Robertson, stabular, burgess of Edinburgh, as prentice to James Kirkwode, writer to the signet, for four years from date, 27th April last. Duty £6.

3d AUGUST. Indenture of Adam Blair, son to Adam Blair of Adamtoun, as prentice to Gavin Blair, writer to the signet, for five years from date, at Irvine, 16th October 1630. Duty £6.

8th AUGUST. Indenture of Mr. James Cheyne, son of Walter Cheyne, in Tillibin, as prentice to Robert Pringle, writer to the signet, for four years from date, at Edinburgh and Kennoway, 14th February and 3d March 1631.

8th AUGUST. Indenture of Henry Elder, son of the deceased Henry Elder, burgh-clerk of Perth, with consent of Margaret Johnstoun, his mother, and John Johnstoun, merchant, burgess of Perth, as prentice to Hary Osburne, writer to the signet, for four years from date, at Edinburgh and Perth, 21st June last. Duty £6.

Minute anent the receipt of the money collected (in terms of minute of 31st January last) for "the help and supplie of the pure distressit pepill of the Palatinate," narrating that John Ker, collector, "producit before the saidis commissioneris and thair clerk the buik contening the haill names of the clerkis, wryteris, and thair servantis, that contributed to the said voluntar collectioun, togidder with the soumes gevin be every ane of thame, with ane not also of the haill sowmes being calculat togidder, extending to nyne hundreth xxvj^{li} xvij^s money of this realme," which was delivered to Mr. William Scott, collector, who confessed "that the said soume" collected as above, "with the lordis of sessioun and advocattis

contributiouns, extending to tua thowsand nyne hundreth lxxxiiij^{li} x^s 4^d, wes, at command of the saidis lordis, delyverit be him to George Swtie, whairupoun he grantit to the said Mr. Williame his discharge, daitit the said xxij of July instant."

14th SEPTEMBER. Admission of Patrick Maxwell, sometime prentice and servant to Andrew Nimmo, writer to the signet, to be an ordinary clerk and writer to the signet. Gave in £12.

31st OCTOBER. "The quhilk day the wryteris to the signet underwrittin, commissioneris eftir mentionat, being warnit be the officiar to this day, and being convenit in the chalmer of the keparis of the signet, Maister James Gordoun, ane of the saidis keparis, producit ane commissioun, subscrivrit be ane nobill lord, Williame, Viscount of Stirling, secretare to his Majestie," granting commission to Mr. Alexander Gibsoun of Dury, Mr. Alexander Hay, Mr. William Scott, and Mr. John Skene, the four ordinary clerks of His Majesty's council and session, James Prymrois, clerk of the privy council, Mr. Francis Hay, James Stratoun, Thomas M'Awlay, Robert Kirkwode, John Gilmour, David Andersoun, Robert Pringill, John Ker, John Lermonth, Robert Keith, Hary Osburn, Mr. James Farquharsoun, John Baird, and Hary Veache, or any four of them conjunctly, with the said Mr. James Gordoun and Mr. James Law, keepers of the signet, or any of them. The commission, which is written by Thomas Ros, servitor to Mr. James Law, is dated at Holyrood-house, 18th October 1631, before William, master of Stirling, and James Murray of His Majesty's works for Scotland.

7th NOVEMBER. Admission of George Mak, servitor to Mr. William Kellie, writer and clerk to the signet, to be clerk and writer thereto. Gave in £12.

14th NOVEMBER. Indenture of John Lambe, son of Thomas Lambe, messenger, burghess of Edinburgh, as prentice and servant to William Oswald, clerk and writer to the signet, for three years from the date of his entry, on 1st June last. The indenture is dated at the Canongate, 26th April last. Duty £6.

Indenture of Robert Alexander, son of John Alexander, merchant, burghess of Aberdeen, as prentice to John Mwdie, writer, for four years from date of indenture, 23d July last. Duty £6.

21st NOVEMBER. Indenture of Mr. James Edmestoun, son of James Edmestoun, merchant, burghess of Edinburgh, as prentice and servant to Mr. James Murray, writer, for two years from date of indenture, 19th November instant. Duty £6.

23d NOVEMBER. Admission of Thomas Forrest, servitor to John Ker, writer to the signet, as clerk and writer to the signet. Duty £12.

19th DECEMBER. Sederunt, Mr. James Gordoun, Robert Pringill, James Stratoun, Robert Kirkwode, John Ker, Mr. James Law, Hary Osburne, John Lermonth, John Baird, Mr. James Farquharsoun.

Action before the commissioners at the instance of Mr. James Robertoun, advocate, against James Wilsoun, writer to the signet, "for lybellin and making of ane summondis of reducioun, at the instance of Alexander Knok of Selvieland,

and Helene Dalmahoy, his spous, aganis Williame Wardrope, notar in Glasgow, depute to the said Mr. James Robertoun in the commissariot of Hamiltoun, off ane decrete gevin to the said Williame Wardrope, aganis the saidis Alexander Knok and his spous, in the conclusioun of the quhilk summondis of reducioun, the said James Wilsoun, not onlie concludit and desyrit the said decrete to be reducit for the reasonis thairin contenit, bot lykewyis that the said Mr. James Robertoun, suld be decernit to be puneist in his persoun and guidis, altogidder aganis the forme of summondis of reduction and without ony warrand or directioun of the advocateis of the said Alexander Knok and his spous." The accused confessed the charge, but alleged that "he had the informatioun of his saidis clyentis advocattis to mak the said conclusioun." The commissioners suspend him until they should verify the statement, without prejudice to their further censuring him by way of fine. Robert M'Kwne, their officer, is ordained to warn the "haill brether wryteris to the signet," not to subscribe letters written by the said James Wilsoun, under pain of suspension.

26th DECEMBER. Sederunt, Mr. Francis Hay, James Stratoun, Robert Pringill, Mr. James Gordoun, John Ker, Robert Kirkwode, Hary Osburne, John Lermonth, Mr. James Law, Mr. James Farquharsoun, John Baird, Hary Veach.

"Anent the lybellit precept persewit before the commissioneris of the wrytteris to the signet, at the instance of Hew Rose, thair procuratour fischall, aganis George Watsoun, ane of the ordinar clerkis and wryteris to the signet, for using and exercising pluralities of officis (to the prejudice of the haill remanent brether wryteris thairto), viz., as ane ordinar wryter to the signet, and als as clerk to the Lyoun herauldis and messengeris, to quhome the said George is clerk as said is, and conducting with thame to that effect, and for certane uther errouris and informalities contenit in the said lybellit precept." The matter having been before the commissioners on the 5th of December instant, when the said George denied "conducting with the messengeris," the commissioners assigned that day eight days for proof, when the said George submitted himself to them, and "became in thair will," in regard to the libel: and the commissioners, having continued their decision on "twa severall dyettis" and duly considered the premises, suspended the said George until the 16th of January 1632, and continued their definitive sentence till then, the officer being ordained to make intimation thereof to the writers.

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3d JANUARY. In presence of Sir Archibald Achesoun of Glencarny, Knight. Sederunt, David Anderson, James Stratoun, Robert Pringill, Mr. James Gordoun, Robert Kirkwode, John Ker, Henry Osburne, John Baird, Mr. James Farquharsoun.

James Wilsoun gave in supplication desiring to be reponed, and submitting himself to the commissioners as to any further censure. They ordain him to be reponed "to the xvj day of Januare instant, that in the menetye he may confes his offence done be him to the said Mr. James Robertoun, in the presence of sum of the commissioneris," who should report to the rest.

George Watson supplicates to be reponed. The commissioners continue their decision until the 15th of February next, but in the meantime allow the keepers of the signet to affix the same to the letters of the petitioner.

9th JANUARY. Indenture of Mr. James Flemyng, second son to Patrick Flemyng of Balloch, as prentice to John Ker, writer, for three years from date, 6th June last. Duty £6.

23d JANUARY. Indenture of James Wilsoun, son of Ivie Wilsoun of Glenrie, as prentice to David Crichtoun, writer, for four years from date, 26th December last. Duty £6.

9th APRIL. Indenture of James Rose, eldest son to James Rose in the Wood of Dalboge, as prentice to Arthur Stratoun, writer to the signet, for four years from date, 22d June last. Duty £6.

17th APRIL. Indenture of George Aytoun, son of the deceased Alexander Aytoun, burgess of Musselburgh, with advice and consent of Patrick Clwnes in Inveresk, his father-in-law, as prentice and servant to William Neilsoun, writer, for three years from date, 15th June 1631. Duty £6.

25th JUNE. Indenture of Alexander Younger, son of James Younger, merchant, burgess of Edinburgh, as prentice to John Baird, clerk to the signet, for three years from date, 14th June instant. Duty £6.

25th JUNE. Sederunt, David Anderson, Mr. James Law, Robert Kirkwode, James Stratoun, Mr. James Gordoun, John Ker, John Baird, Mr. James Farquharsoun.

Admission of William Inglis, servitor to John Gilmaire, writer to the signet, as clerk and writer thereto. Duty £12.

3d JULY. Sederunt, as above, with the addition of Sir Archibald Achesoun, lord secretary, Mr. Francis Hay, Hary Osburne, John Lermonthe, Hary Weache.

Admission of George Inglis, servitor to John Lermonthe, clerk and writer to the signet, as writer and clerk thereto. Duty £12.

19th NOVEMBER. Indenture of Mr. William Thomesoun, son of James Thomesoun in Wodheid of —, with consent of Mr. Roger Mowatt, advocate, as prentice to Quyntene Kennedy, writer to the signet, for five years from date, 14th December 1631. Duty £6.

Indenture of Richard Allane, son of Richard Allane, burgess of Musselburgh, as prentice to Robert Kirkwode, writer to the signet, for four years from date, 1631. Duty £6.

23d NOVEMBER. Indenture of John Logane, son of James Logane, stabular in Edinburgh, with consent of John Young, litster, burgess there, as prentice to Mr. Patrick Maxwell, writer to the signet, for four years from date, 23d March 1632. Duty £6.

3d DECEMBER. Admission of Walter Paterson, son of Mr. Alexander Paterson, apothecary, burgess of Edinburgh, and servitor to Anthone Quhyte, writer and clerk to the signet, as writer and clerk thereto. Duty £12.

Indenture of Thomas Hunter, son of Thomas Hunter, bailie in Carsland, as prentice to Mr. James Farquharsoun, writer to the signet, for three years from date, 29th June last. Duty £6.

17th DECEMBER. Indenture of Mr. William Carnegy, son of William Carnegy, burgess of Edinburgh, as prentice to Arthur Stratoun, writer to the signet, for four years from date, 12th November last. Duty £6.

Indenture of Mr. Robert Heriot, son of Mr. George Heriot, minister at Kirkmahoe, as prentice to Richard Guthrie, writer to the signet, for three years from date, 8th June 1631. Duty £6.

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4th MARCH. Indenture of David Phin, eldest son of Mr. John Phin of Quhitehill, as prentice to James Wilsoun, clerk and writer to the signet, for four years from date, 8th February 1633. Duty £6.

10th JULY. Indenture of George Eglington, son of Mr. Hew Eglington, minister at Dunlop, as prentice to Mr. Patrick Maxwell, writer to the signet, for four years, from 28th, 29th, and 30th November 1632, the dates of indenture. Mr. John Maxwell, minister at the High Kirk of Glasgow is cautioner. Duty £6.

29th JULY. Admission of Mr. Henry Charteris, son of the late Mr. Henry Charteris, "primar of the college of Edinburgh," and lately prentice to James Stratoun, writer to the signet, as an ordinary writer and clerk to the signet. Duty £12.

Admission of Peter Barbour, lately servitor to Robert Wallace, writer to the signet, as writer and clerk to the signet. Duty £12.

1st AUGUST. The writers to the signet, namely, "Maister James Law and James Gordoun, the tua keiparis of the signet, Thomas M'Awlay, Robert Kirkwode, Hary Osburne, Johne Baird, Hew Rose, Mr. James Farquharsoun, Hary Weache, Andro Nemo, Andro Hay, Arthour Stratoun, elder, Robert Wallace, David Crichtoun, Maister Johne Paip, Johne Peter, Richarde Guthrie, Danyell Melvil, Maister Richard Kene, Andro Mansoun, Johne Mwdie, Thomas Edzar, James Guthrie, Archibald Gibsoun, Maister Patrik Maxwell, Richard Mosman, William Inglis, Peter Barboure, Alexander Douglas, James Kirkwode, Johne Smith, having convenit within the hich tolbuith of Edinburgh, the day forsaid, for considering and conferring anent the ovirture and desyre of the advocattis to have ane commissioun to sex advocattis and the deane of Facultie, and fyve wryteris and ane clerk, to decerne and determine anent all materis that suld concern the incorporatioun of the advocattis and wryteris, ather of thame, for thair awin pairtis, of the taxatioun latelie grantit, or the dewtie of tua for the ten of ilk hundreth, or ony uther mater concerning thair priveleges; the saidis wryteris convenit, as said is, and thair vottis being particularlie inquyrit anent the premises, all in ane voce dissasentit fra giving of any commissioun in generall for ony thingis concerning the said incorporatioun betuix the saidis advocattis and wryteris: and declairis that thai aggrie and ar

content to conjoyne with the advocattis anent the said taxatioun, or ony privileges concerning the haill bodie, being particularlie condiscendit upoun, the wryteris allwayes chosing thair awin commissioneris equall in nwmer with the commissioneris of the advocattis. And siclike the saidis wryteris convenit, as said is, all in ane voce discharges David Andersoun, James Stratoun, Robert Pringill, Mr. Francis Hay, and Johne Leremonth, off all proceeding in the materis foirsaidis with the advocattis without the advyse of the haill brether wryteris to the signet; becaus the saidis personis joynit with the advocattis in the premises of befoir without consent of the bodie and rest of the wryteris."

12th AUGUST. Admission of Gawin Burnet, lately prentice and servitor to Andrew Hay, writer to the signet. Duty £12.

12th AUGUST. The writers meeting with Sir Archibald Achesone, secretary, ratify the preceding act of 1st August.

14th AUGUST. Admission of Thomas Darling, late servitor to Robert Wallace, writer to the signet. Duty £12.

30th SEPTEMBER. Indenture of Alexander Kaa, son of James Kaa of Corslaittis, as prentice to Thomas Forrest, writer to the signet, for five years from date, 10th August last. William and Alexander Kaa, his uncles, consent. Duty £6.

15th NOVEMBER. Indenture of Alexander Levingstoun, son of William Levingstoun, portioner of Falkirk, as prentice to Hew Rose, writer to the signet, for four years from date, 5th February last.

15th NOVEMBER. "The bretherene of the wryteris to the signet under-writtin, thay ar to say, Maisteris James Gordoun and James Law, the tua keiparis of the signet, Thomas M'Awlay, James Stratoun, Robert Pringill, Andro Hay, Hary Osburne, Hew Rose, David Crichtoun, Hew Tod, Thomas Forrest, Andro Nemo, James Wilsoun, Johne Baird, Johne Gilmour, Johne Peter, Johne Nicoll, Richard Mosman, Thomas Edzar, Arthour Stratoun, younger, George Mak, Archibauld Gibsoun, William Inglis, Robert Kirkwod, Maister Johne Paip, Johne Mwdie, Johne Smith, Patrik Hamiltoun, Patrik Small, Richarde Guthrie, Mr. Patrik Maxwell, James Kirkwode, Maister Richarde Kene, Adame Watt, Robert Wallace, Thomas Darling, Andro Mansoun, being convenit in the dwellinghous of the said Mr. James Gordoun, conforme to the directioun of the commissioneris of the wryteris to the signet, be pluralitie of voytes, eftir long ressoning and dispute anent the expediency of augmentatioun to the sowme of twenty thowsand merkis alrede offerit for tua of the ten for the pairt of the advocattis, clerkis, and wryteris to the signet, the saidis bretherene consentit and aggreit that sum forder augmentatioun be grantit, with speciall provisioun that the clerkis of sessioun and signet have the absolute libertie of chosing of thair awin stent maisteris be thame selffis, equall in nowmer with the stent maisteris to be chosin be the advocattis thame selffis: Quha thaireftir sall all joyne togidder for perfyting of the bissines, and that for the samyn stent to be grantit as said is, immunitie and libertie to the wyffis, bairnis, and executouris of the saidis advocattis, clerkis, and wryteris, that thai

may be frie of tua of ten during the thre yeiris mentionat in the act of parliament."

23d NOVEMBER. "Sederunt, Maister Johne Skene, Maister James Gordoun, Maister James Law, Thomas Mackawlay, Robert Pringill, Andro Nemo, Robert Kirkwode, Maister Richarde Kene, John Baird, James Wilsoun."

The commissioners and remanent brethren above written, being convened in "the hich hall of the dwellinghous" of Mr. James Gordoun, for choosing of two of the clerks and writers to the signet, "ffor ressaving of the new and honest declaratioun of the haill brether," of their "frie moneyis for the quhilkis thai ressave annuelrent," to the effect that a competent offer be made by them, jointly with the advocates, "for the tua of ten of the hundreth" payable by act of parliament. Mr. John Skene and Mr. James Gordoun are chosen.

9th DECEMBER. "The keiparis and wryteris to the signet being conventit to ane grit nowmer within the hich tolbuith of Edinburgh, and a list of foure and twentie of thair nowmer being nominat, and devydit in tua tuelffis, and that for electing and chosing of a certane nowmer of tham be the quhole bodie advocattis, clerkis, and wryteris, to be stent maisteris equall in nowmer with the stent maisters of the advocattis, to be chosin in the same forme for stenting of thair brethrene" to pay the £40,000 offered by "the said bodie" for their part of the present taxation "of tua for the ten, the saxtene penny and the ordinar taxatiouns grantit in the last parliament, haldin at Edinburgh upoun the xxviiij of Junii last bipast." Those nominated and chosen are:—Thomas M'Awlay, Robert Kirkwode, John Lermonth, John Nicoll, John Baird, Mr. James Farquharsoun, Hary Osburne, Hew Rose, Hew Tod, James Campbell, John Gilmour, Andrew Nemo.

28th DECEMBER. The commissioners and certain other writers being convened "in the signet chalmer," the Right Honourable Sir Archibald Achesoun, Knight, produced a deliverance of the Lords of Council and Session granted at the instance of Thomas, Earl of Haddington, to the effect that the said Earl, having resigned the superiority of the Temple lands in Scotland in the hands of the King, he should no longer be mentioned in infeftments of these lands as superior, nor otherwise troubled by persons desiring him to give them infeftment therein: and that the keepers of the signet be discharged from signetting letters of four forms, etc., raised against him in connection with such lands: which deliverance being so intimated to the writers, they ordain an act to be made in conformity therewith.

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4th JANUARY. Admission of Mr. George Trotter, lately servitor to John Learmonth, as writer to the signet. Duty £12.

14th JANUARY. Admission of Mr. John Sydsarf, sometime servitor to the late James Kynneir, writer to the signet. Duty £12.

15th JANUARY. Admission of James Kennwye, lately servitor to the deceased John Ker. Duty £12.

24th JANUARY. Indenture of John Jaffray, second son of Mr. Alexander Jaffray, merchant, burghess of Aberdeen, as prentice to Robert Pringill, writer to the signet, for four years from date, at Aberdeen and Edinburgh, 1st and 12th November last 1633. Duty £6.

Indenture of Mr. William Powrie, eldest son of Mr. Richard Powrie, minister at Dawick, as prentice to James Wilsoun, writer to the signet, for four years from date, 30th December last. Mr. Alexander Hay, one of the ordinary clerks of session, is cautioner. Duty £6.

Indenture of James Deanes, son to Thomas Deanes, merchant, burghess of Edinburgh, as prentice to Thomas Edzar, writer to the signet, for three years from date, 8th October last. Duty £6.

Indenture of Robert Meikiljohn, son of Robert Meikiljohn, skinner, burghess of Edinburgh, as prentice to John Lermunth, writer to the signet, for three years from date, 1st October last. Duty £6.

Indenture of Mr. Andrew Williamson, son to James Williamson, Provost of the burgh of Peebles, as prentice to John Bannatyne, writer, for two years from date, 26th November 1632. Duty £6.

27th JANUARY. Indenture of Mr. Alexander Hamilton, son of the late James Hamilton of Hill, as prentice to James Kirkwode, writer to the signet, for four years from date, 28th November 1632. James Cochrane, merchant, burghess of Edinburgh, is a consenter. Duty £6.

3d FEBRUARY. Indenture of Alexander Greg, son to John Greg, tailor, burghess of the Canongate, as prentice to George Watsoun, writer to the signet, for three years from date, 8th October last. Duty £6.

5th FEBRUARY. Indenture of Patrick Knox, son of the late Mr. William Knox, minister at Cokpen, as prentice to William Inglis, writer to the signet, for five years from date, 1st July last. The consenters to the deed are Elizabeth Halyburnetoun, mother of the said Patrick, and John Halyburnetoun, elder, of Murehouslaw. Duty £6.

20th FEBRUARY. Indenture of John Dewar, younger, son to John Dewar, elder, notary in Duncce, as prentice to Adam Watt, writer to the signet, for four years from date, 28th June 1632. Duty £6.

2d MAY. Admission of Mr. John Alexander, late servitor to Hew Rose, writer to the signet. Duty £12.

10th JUNE. Indenture of Duncan Crawford, son of Alexander Crawford in Burne, as prentice to William Inglis, writer to the signet, for one year from date, 14th November last. Duty £6.

20th JUNE. Indenture of John Love, son of Robert Love, burghess of Paisley, as prentice to Peter Barbour, writer to the signet, for five years from date, at Paisley 17th May last. Duty £6.

18th JULY. Admission of John Miller, late servitor to Robert Kirkwode, writer to the signet. Duty £12.

19th JULY. Indenture of James Scott, son of Thomas Scott, beer brewer, burgess of Edinburgh, as prentice to William Neilsoun, writer to the signet, for two years from date, 27th August 1633. Duty £6.

21st JULY. Indenture of John Somervell, son to George Somervell, in Nether Scheilfeld, as prentice to Thomas Darling, writer to the signet, for three years from date, 18th July instant. Duty £6.

1st DECEMBER. Admission of James Kynneir, son of the late James Kynneir, writer to the signet. Duty £12.

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24th JANUARY. Indenture of Mr. Charles Henrysoun, son of the late Mark Henrysoun, burgess in Lawder, as prentice to Thomas Darling, writer to the signet, for three years from date, 7th November 1634. Janet Greve, relict of the said Mark, is a party to the indenture. Duty £6.

26th JANUARY. Indenture of George Harret, son to Mr. George Harret, minister at Kirkmahoe, as prentice to Richard Guthre, writer to the signet, for four years from date, 11th June 1634. Duty £6.

Indenture of Thomas M'Clair, son of George M'Clair, maltman in Prestoun, as prentice to Thomas Forrest, writer to the signet, for four years from date, 25th October 1634. Duty £6.

Indenture of Homer Greir, eldest son of John Greir, of Nether Keir, as prentice to Thomas Forrest, writer, for four years from date, 19th February 1634. Duty £6.

Indenture of Robert Hay, eldest son of the late Robert Hay, writer in Edinburgh, as prentice to Thomas Forrest, writer, for three years from date, 27th November 1634. Jean Hamiltoun, mother of the said Robert, is a party. Duty £6.

Indenture of John Watt, son to Alexander Watt, wright, citizen in Brechin, as prentice to Mr. John Paip, writer to the signet, for three years from date, 29th November 1634. Duty £6.

31st JANUARY. Mr. Archibald Wilkie is, at his own desire, booked as servitor to John Smith, writer to the signet. Duty paid, but amount not stated.

Indenture of John Auchinwallis, eldest son of Thomas Auchinwallis, burgess of Culros, as prentice to John Miller, writer to the signet, for three years from date, 17th June 1634. Duty £6.

2d FEBRUARY. Indenture of William Murehead, son of the late Mr. Thomas Murehead, minister at Cambusnethan, as prentice to Hew Rose, for four years from date, 31st December last. James Murehead of Lauchope, elder, is a party to the deed. Duty £6.

4th FEBRUARY. James Cuthbert is, at his own request, booked as servitor to Mr. James Farquharsoun, writer. Amount of duty not stated.

23d FEBRUARY. Indenture of John Somervell, prentice and servitor to William Neilson, writer to the signet, for two years from Whitsunday 1633. The indenture is dated 11th February 1634.

25th FEBRUARY. Admission of John Bane, sometime prentice to the late Cuthbert Miller, writer to the signet, as writer to the signet. Duty £12.

25th MARCH. Admission of Mr. Alexander Forbes, late prentice and servitor to John Baird, writer to the signet, as writer to the signet. Duty £12.

1st APRIL. Indenture of John Donaldson, son of John Donaldson, notary in Edinburgh, with consent of James Gibson, advocate, as prentice to John Mudie, writer to the signet, for three years from date, 22d January last. Duty £6.

9th MAY. Indenture of Mr. John Sturgeon, son of Adam Sturgeon, merchant, burgess of Dumfreis, as prentice to Peter Barbour, writer to the signet, for two years from date, 8th November 1634. Duty £6.

25th MAY. Admission of George Haldin, servitor to Mr. James Gordoun, one of the keepers of the signet, and sometime prentice to Hary Osburne, writer to the signet, as writer to the signet.

28th AUGUST. Admission of John Sempill, late servitor and prentice to Hary Weache, writer to the signet, as writer to the signet. Duty £12.

5th NOVEMBER. Indenture of Andrew Hog, brother-german to Mr. William Hog, servitor to Mr. Roger Mowatt, advocate, as prentice to Quinten Kennedy, writer to the signet, for five years from date, 22d August last. Duty £6.

12th NOVEMBER. Indenture of John Johnston, second son of David Johnston, merchant, burgess of Edinburgh, as prentice to Mr. Richard Kene, writer to the signet, for two years from date, 19th March last. Duty £6.

12th DECEMBER. Indenture of Thomas Fairlie, son to Sir Robert Fairlie, of Braid, knight, as prentice to John Miller, writer to the signet, for five years from date, 17th November last. Duty £6.

1636.

7th JANUARY. The keepers of the signet and the most part of the writers to the signet being convened in the "signet chalmer" according to His Majesty's warrant directed to the Lords of Session, appoint the hours betwixt ten and twelve before noon, and betwixt four and six afternoon, for affixing the signet to letters presented for that purpose, and the keepers of the signet are then to "attend preceislie" for that purpose.

18th FEBRUARY. Alexander Forbes is booked as servant to Daniel Melville, writer to the signet. Duty £6.

19th FEBRUARY. Indenture of Hew Nevine, younger, son of Hew Nevine, of Auchinmade, as prentice to Andrew Nimmo, writer to the signet, for five years from date, at Kilbirnie 15th July 1635. Duty £6.

14th MARCH. Indenture of John Clerk, eldest son of the late Thomas Clerk, notary in Deir, as prentice to John Peter, commissary of Peebles, and writer to the signet, for five years from date, 2d February 1635. Duty £6.

23d MARCH. Indenture of William Cairnis, son of the late William Cairnes of Pilmore, as prentice to Hew Rose, writer to the signet, for four years from date, 9th February last. Duty £6.

5th MAY. Indenture of Mr. John Fynlay, son of John Fynlay, in Bodiehole, as prentice to John Baird, writer, for four years from Martinmas last. Duty £6.

30th MAY. George Halyburtoun is reponed as writer to the signet, from which he had been suspended "this lang tyme bygane."

30th MAY. Intimation of the act against subscribing Bills etc. not written by themselves in their own buiths.

4th JUNE. Admission of James Dawling, late prentice to Quintin Kennedy. £12.

8th JULY. The prentice fees of Mr. Archibald Stevinstoun, servitor to Arthur Stratoun, younger, Mr. James Hay and Peter Duncan, servitors to Mr. Francis Hay, and George Gibson, servitor to Gawan Blair, are paid into the box, equal to £24.

3d DECEMBER. Admission of William Chalmer, son to George Chalmer of Auldquhat, and late prentice to Robert Pringill. £12.

30th DECEMBER. Indenture of James Smeton, son of Hary Smeton in Cruikis, as prentice to James Kirkwode, writer to the signet, for four years from date, 5th July last. £6.

1637.

12th JUNE. Admission of John Wilkie, writer in Edinburgh, sometime prentice to Alexander Douglas, writer to the signet, as writer to the signet. £12.

18th JULY. Indenture of James Smith, son of William Smith, portioner of Nungate of Haddington, as prentice to James Kirkwode, for four years from date, 24th January last. £6.

9th AUGUST. Indenture of George Gavine, son of the late George Gavine of Collilaw, with advice of James Blackhall, merchant, burgess of Aberdeen, as prentice to William Chalmers, for four years from 24th February last. £6.

1638.

2d APRIL. Admission of Robert Alexander, servitor to John Mwdie, as writer to the signet.

18th JUNE. Indenture of Mr. James Stewart, son to Mr. William Stewart, late Provost of Glasgow, as prentice to Mr. Patrik Maxwell, writer to the signet, for four years from date, 21st August 1637. £6.

12th JULY. Admission of Mr. Robert Gilmure, son of the late John Gilmure, writer to the signet.

1642.

5th MARCH. Commission granted by the Earl of Lanark, secretary, in favour of Mr. Francis Hay, Robert Pringill, James Stratoun, John Lermouth, Alexander Cowper, Hary Osburne, James Campbell, John Nicoll, John Mwdie, and George Haldin, writers to his majesty's signet, and Mr. Harie Maule, present keeper of the signet, or any four of them, conjunctly with the said Mr. Harie, and, in case of his absence, the said George Haldin. Thomas M'Awlay is appointed clerk as before. The said commission engrossed at length.

8th MARCH. Admission of Mr. James Cheyne, lately servitor to Robert Pringill, W.S. £12.

2d JUNE. Indenture of John Finlay, son of James F., baxter, burgess of Edinburgh, as prentice to Mr. James Cheyne, for four years from 23d June last.

16th JULY. Commission of Mr. Alexander Hamilton, lately servitor to James Kirkwode, W.S. £12.

25th AUGUST. Indenture of Mr. Patrick Oliphant, eldest son of Mr. William Oliphant of Kirkhill, advocate, with consent of Janet Mauld, his mother, as prentice to John Miller, W.S., for three years, from 8th November 1641. Duty 10 merks.

27th SEPTEMBER. Indenture of Robert Smith, with consent of Jonet Smith, relict of David M'Call, merchant burgess of Edinburgh, and of Margaret Adieson, relict of Robert Smith, merchant burgess of Edinburgh, as prentice to John Sempill, for six years, from 23d June 1641. 10 merks.

1643.

5th JANUARY. Indenture of James Campbell, son to the late John Campbell of Clathick, with consent of Sir Mungo Campbell of Lawers, and Alexander Menzies of Comrie, as prentice to Thomas Darling, W.S., for three years, from 25th January 1642. 10 merks.

30th MARCH. Indenture of William Hay, eldest son to Andrew Hay in Duncan-law, as prentice to James Kirkwode, for four years, from 20th November 1641. 10 merks.

30th MARCH. Indenture of Robert Kaa, son to Robert Kaa, notary, as prentice to James Kirkwode, W.S., for three years, from 27th July 1642. 10 merks.

15th MAY. Admission of Mr. William Henderson, late prentice to Robert Pringle, W.S., as writer to the signet. £12.

1644.

15th MARCH. Admission of John Hamilton, late prentice to John Mwdie. £12.

1647.

9th JANUARY. John Nicoll, W.S., is chosen clerk to the writers in place of Thomas M'Awlay deceased.

9th JANUARY. The brethren, being convened in "the auld sessioun house," ratify all former acts; and ordain "ane buik to be maid quharin every wryter to the signet sall gif up the names of thair haille prenteissis and servandis, that thair names may be inrollit in that buik, and ane lytill paterne of thair hand writt insert thairin to be conferrit with thair letteris sent to the signet."

Also, it is ordained that Mr. Thomas Young, Alexander Douglas, and Adam Wat, "deall with Aulay¹ M'Aulay's relict anent the buik and paperis being in ther handis belonging to the wryteris, quha within sex dayis thairefter delyverit this buik to Johne Nicoll thair clerk, with some certane scrollis and rollis of certane names of the memberis of the college of justice, not worth to be mentioned."

All members being freemen are obliged to attend at the public meetings, on warning, under pain of 12s. Scots *toties quoties*.

"Item that everie wryter being warnit to anotheris buriall, his wyff or chyldrene, and refusand or being absent, sall pay 12s."

Adam Wat and Hary Osburne ordained "to sicht the box" and report; who, having done so, report that they find an assignation by the late Thomas M'Awlay to the brethren of a bond of 1000 merks, granted to him by the Laird of Kilspindie, "bot findis not the band."

They also find another assignation by the said Thomas to them of a bond by James Kennoway, but not the bond; also another assignation by the same to them of 500 merks, in bond granted by Mr. Alexander Hay, and Mr. James Farquharsoun, but not the bond; also, assignation by the same to them of bond by Robert and William Kirkwods for 350 merks, but "missis the band."

Item, a note under said Thomas M'Aulay's hand on taking out of Kirkwode's bond to be registered in 1644.

Item, a bond of 200 merks granted to said Thomas by John M'Gie of Glessok and Alex. Crichtoun, with his assignation thereof in favour of the brethren. These are all put in the box.

They find no money in the box save two new dollars, and some notes, whereof £89 are bestowed on pious uses.

¹ "Thomas," on margin.

There are given up to the brethren the names of persons alleged to wrong the calling by writing bills, etc., viz. John Somervell; James Crystie, servitor to the Earl of Callendar; James Gordoun, messenger.

The brethren are discharged to acknowledge their hand written bills, etc., especially Daniel Melville, William Chalmers, James Kynneir, and Peter Barbour, who have contravened in this way.

11th NOVEMBER. Admission of Thomas Hunter as writer to the signet.

£3 taken from the box, and given to "ane poist" to carry a letter to Sir Archibald Douglas of Spott.

30th DECEMBER. Admission of James Crystie and William Hunter.

1648.

11th JANUARY. Being convened in the Parliament House, "anent their voytes, craved quidder thair annualrent of fyve hundreth pundis destinat and mortifyeit for ane help to ane professor in the college of Edinburgh according to the first institution, sould be imployit to that use, or for intertenement of ane burser." Mr. Henrie Maule being moderator, all refused "the inversioun of the first fundatioun, and ordained the professor to be preferred."

24th MARCH. Admission of Robert Hamiltoun, late servitor to Thomas Forrest.

19th APRIL. Admission of Mr. Robert Hamiltoun, servitor to John Mudie. Duty 20 merks.

Given from the box, £20 to Mr. David Mureheid's relict, and four dollars to the relict of William Neilsoun, both writers to the signet.

2d SEPTEMBER. Admission of John Rowane, as W.S.

1649.

1st MAY. Commission by William, Earl of Lothian, secretary, in favour of Mark Cas of Cokpen, "my depute and keiper of the signet," Mr. Francis Hay, Robert Pringill, John Nicoll elder, John Learmont, Adam Watt, Hary Osburne, Hew Ros, John Sempill, Mr. George Trotter, James Campbell, Quintene Kennedy, writers to the signet, or any four of them, the keeper of the signet being always one.

18th MAY. Admission of James Tynto and Thomas Dickson, as writers to the signet.

20th JUNE. Admission of James Allan, late servitor to Robert Pringill.

14th JULY. Convened in the "signet chalmer," Robert Pringill, John Lermont, Mr. George Trotter, James Campbell, Hary Osburne, John Sempill, and Hew Ros, they ordain Hary Osburne and Adam Wat, to "take tryall of the box and conditionis thair of, and bandis and assignatiounis thairin contenit, and to report to the brethrene."

"Also that the keiper speik Mr. Alexander Hay, to get the auld box from the relict of umquhill Mr. Harie Mauld."

Also the said Harie Osburn and Adam Wat, "to agent the business for the box, and to get in the bandis from David Kinloch."

Robert Hay, Thomas Hunter, Robert Hamiltoun, James Tynto, Thomas Dicksoun, and James Allane, ordained to pay their contributions to the box, of 20 merks each.

John Rowane paid 10 merks by way of composition to the box, which was accepted, "because he servit at the signet in Mr. Mauldis tyme."

Ordained that all letters passing the signet be marked by whom they are written; and that none pass but such as are written by writers to the signet, their prentices and servants.

That no letters be signeted to Robert Wallace till his prentices' and servants' names be given up to the clerk to be recorded, "in respect that he is knawin to be a commoun resaver of all soirtis of pepill in his booth, and a notorius contravenar of the actis."

George Halden ordered to record his prentices.

Mr. Francis Hay to be written to anent the remainder of the taxation, and to give up a list of his servants' names.

That all prentices pay ten merks, of which £6 to the box, and 13s. 4d. is to the clerk.

James Crystie is found to have complained wrongfully against Mark Kerse, keiper of the signet, who is found to have behaved dutifully; because the said James presented letters "disconforme" to the warrant, and is therefore suspended till a new meeting.

John Rowane produced the box with money and writs, which is put into the keeper's custody.

24th JULY. James Tynto gave in 20 merks.

28th JULY. Robert Wallace is censured at the instance of Andro Ker of Morestoun, "for steilling throw of ane decrete aganes him without citation," and the said decreet having been reduced, the said Robert is ordained to take out the horning at his own expense.

Another complaint is given in against the said Robert Wallace, by the procurator fiscal, for having a bill of advocation, where in the narrative he advocated a pursuit from a sheriff, and when the bill was past, "he cuttit af the taill of the bill," and discharged the sheriff and all other judges. "And quhen this come to Mr. John Kynneir's knowledge, he came to signet, and fand the bill cuttit, and ane generall claus of advocatioun insert." The commissioneris refer this to further trial, the bill and warrant to be sought out.

Another complaint being given in against him by John Nicoll, writer, the commissioners, unwilling to hear it further, ordain the said Robert Wallace to submit himself to the keeper, and to Hary Osburn, Adam Wat, and Hew Ros; which he most willingly did, and promised to bring in his prentices' indentures to be recorded, and to pay, etc.

The letters of Robert Hay and others who have not paid their admission duty of 20 merks, to be detained until they pay.

8th AUGUST. Admission of Andrew Rutherford. Duty, 20 merks.

15th SEPTEMBER. James Mowat, W.S., is suspended for forming a bill at the instance of John Arnot against Jean Hart, in which, after passing of the bill of suspension, he had cited certain particulars which were not in the bill before passing, nor in the bond of cautionery. He is ordained to pay 40 merks to the box.

DECEMBER. Thomas Hunter and Robert Hamilton pay into the box 20 merks each.

16th NOVEMBER. Being convened in the signet chamber, the "maist pairt of the brethren" enacted that, in addition to the former act for fining absents from their meetings, those who do not compear before the lords of session when they are called, shall be fined in like manner.

Hary Osburne and Adam Wat are ordained "to tak cours" with the bonds in the box. Some other acts renewed.

22d NOVEMBER. Before the commissioners compeared Archibald Aikman, "deane of the gildis officer" of Edinburgh, and produced the following bonds "belonging to the body of the calling," although drawn up in Thomas M'Awley's name :—

1. Bond of the Laird of Maynes and his son, of 1000 merks : dated 21st November 1644.
2. Bond by Robert Kirkwode and his son, for 350 merks : dated June 1638, registered November 1644.
3. Bond by Alexander Crichtoun, for 200 merks : July 1636.
4. Bond by James Kennoway, for £80 : dated 31st December 1636.
5. Bond by Mr. Alexander Hay and Mr. James Ferguson, for 500 merks : dated 4th March 1635, registered March 1644.
6. Bond by John Kello and George Halden, for 400 merks : 25th July 1644.

These bonds are granted in favour of said Thomas M'Awley, but belong to the body of the calling, as is evident by the assignations thereof granted by the said Thomas. John Nicoll, their clerk, is therefore ordained to grant discharge thereof to the said Archibald Aikman, and the bonds thereupon are locked up in the box.

1650.

12th JANUARY. The commissioners grant £20 out of the box to Archibald Aikman and David Kinloch for delivering the bonds to the commissioners, which bonds had been "miscareyet the tyme of the pest in anno 1645, and at the cleynging of Auley M'Aulay's hous, and wer keipit be the said Archibald and David."

It is ordained that the keeper, with the clerk, Hary Osburne and Adam Wat, make compt and reckoning with George Halden, anent the bond for 400 merks, and the interest thereof.

The keeper of the signet, Robert Pringill, and John Nicoll, are ordained to convene Alexander Leslie and the rest of the young men in Mr. Francis Haye's chamber, "to tak tryell by quhat warrand they writt bills and lettres, seeing thair maister

hes left the toun, and to try gif thai haif any directioun fra their maister to that effect."

17th JANUARY. Robert Hay's admission fee of 20 merks paid.

PENULT of FEBRUARY. Admission of John Somerville, writer, subscribed by William Dounie, clerk to the court of justice.

6th MARCH. Admission of George Ogill. Pays 20 merks.

13th MARCH. Admission of Alexander Beattoun. 20 merks.

13th APRIL. Admission of John Nicoll, younger, "and pat in the box xx merks, bot wes gevin bak agane to him, becaus he is a wryteris sone and sa a privilegit persone."

— APRIL. Mr. Alexander Carmichael admitted. 20 merks.

1652.

18th AUGUST. Admission of Mr. George Cruikshank, prentice to John Sempill, as writer to the signet.

1654.

25th JANUARY. Admission of Patrick Wilson, writer. Duty, 10 merks. Subscribed by Mr. John Spreule, one of the clerks of the court of justice.

13th MARCH. John Sempill, Harie Osburne, Quinten Kennedy, Robert Wallace, Richard Guthrie, Mr. Alexander Hamilton, and George Mak, writers to the signet, and Samuel Mosley, keeper of the signet, being convened in the new session house of Edinburgh, Mr. George Cruikshank, writer to the signet, produced a commission subscribed by the commissioners for the administration of justice to the people of Scotland, constituting the aforementioned persons commissioners for the writers to the signet.

John Nicoll, elder, produced this book of acts.

The commissioners elect John Sempill preses for this meeting, and until the 1st of June.

Mr. George Cruikshank is chosen clerk to the meeting, and longer till he be discharged.

Writers are to give up their servants' names, under pain of 5s. sterling to the poor.

No letters are to be signeted, unless to writers actually residing in Edinburgh.

The box, with the bonds, etc., "conceaved in favour of the poor of the wryters" is to be called in, that what is due to the poor may be recovered.

Each writer to the signet who has been lately admitted gratis, to pay 20 merks for the use of the poor "of the calling," and those not admitted gratis to pay 10 merks.

James Mowat and Thomas Dickson are to be warned to compear before the commissioners at their next meeting.

George Mak is appointed treasurer.

Writers who have been admitted since 1652 are ordained to pay to the keeper of the signet "conforme to the use and wont of his predecessors keepers of the signet wer in use to receive of befoir" as a casualty belonging to his place.

Writers admitted since the year 1650, to produce their admissions to the clerk for registration, and prentices to produce their indentures.

1655.

12th JANUARY. William Chalmers, W.S., is added to the commission.

Samuel Mosley, keeper of the signet, is elected preses until 1st August next.

It is ordained that no writer to the signet subscribe for another brother without a warrant from "the maister writer of the letters" uuder pain of 20s. sterling, and that every servant to any writer shall book himself and pay 5s. sterling to the box every time he enters on such service.

21st FEBRUARY. Admission of Alexander Leslie, writer, by the commissioners for administration of justice to the people in Scotland, being examined and found qualified by the writers to the signet. Duty 10 merks. His admission is subscribed by William Downie, one of the "clerks of justice."

1st JUNE. Admission of Mr. David Watsone, writer. Duty, 10 merks. Subscribed *ut supra*.

16th JUNE. Admission of John Alexander, writer. Duty, 10 merks. Subscribed by James Broune, one of the clerks of the court of justice.

9th JANUARY. Admission of Mr. John Bayne, writer. Duty 10 merks. Subscribed by William Downie.

26th JULY. Admission of Andrew Aikman, writer. Duty and subscription *ut supra*.

23d NOVEMBER. Admission of Mr. William Charters, after examination taken by Quintin Kennedie, Mr. Alexander Hamilton, Richard Guthrie, George Mak, and Mr. George Cruickshank, writers to the signet, as commissioners nominated by the hon. commissioners for administration of justice. Subscribed by William Downie.

27th NOVEMBER. Admission of Mr. James Gilkersone, writer, in similar form. The examiners being Richard Guthrie, Mr. Alexander Hamilton, and Robert Wallace. Duty, 10 merks. Subscription by James Browne.

4th DECEMBER. Admission of Robert Neill, examined by John Sempill, William Chalmers, and Mr. John Bayne. Duty, 10 merks. Subscription by William Downie.

7th DECEMBER. Admission of Robert Pringill, son of the deceased Robert Pringill, writer to the signet. Examined by Robert Wallace, William Chalmers, and Mr. James Cheyne. Subscribed by William Downie.

1656.

18th JANUARY. Admission of George Sibbald, examined by the same examiners. Duty, 10 merks. Subscribed by W. Downie.

2d MARCH. The commissioners, conform to their commissions, dated 9th November 1655, being convened *in pleno consessu*, and "considering the manifold abuses that daylie occurs amongs the wryters to the signet, either through *Ignorance* or *informaliteis*, or at leist through maisters thair inadvertencie to their servants, whereby that calling which of old was in much credit, is now rendered somewhat contemptible, to the great discouragement of faithfull and able men who studie to approve themselves honestlie in their professione," do unanimously conclude upon the following acts :—

1. That all admissions of writers to the signet shall be upon recommendation of "the tuo pairt" of the commissioneris (their consents not being obtained *per emandicata suffragia*) to the commissioners for the administration of justice, or others having power for the time.
2. That none be recommended for admission except by the commissioners for the writers, who, being convened, shall subscribe the recommendations only after due trial of the applicant.
3. That none be recommended or admitted "but by the deceis or deprivation of one of the brethren," and only such as have served in the said office as servant or prentice for seven years.
4. Calling to mind the truth and honesty of their predecessors, which "proceeded upon their few number," and that the admission of a multitude has only bred manifold disorders, and the want of employment "has drawne upone the maist part of them povertie," it is ordained that none shall be recommended or admitted in any way until "the haille number of the ordinar wryters be redacted and retrinsed to the number of thirtie-six persones," and that number never hereafter to be exceeded.
5. That unity and concord be maintained among the brethren, and any brother threatening or injuring another by word or deed shall be, for the first fault, suspended until he satisfy the offended party, and pay £20 to the box, and for every fault thereafter, suspended, and the fine doubled, *toties quoties* ; and the party offended to have recourse to the commissioners for the writers, under pain of £10 to the box.
6. Any writer convicted judicially for "falset" shall be deprived simpliciter.
7. Any writer revealing the secrets of his client to the "adversar pairtie" to be deprived simpliciter.
8. The old act in regard to subscribing letters or warrants, etc., revived.
9. The act against writers being procurators or common agents in courts, and requiring them to be free men and keep open chambers, revived.

10. Act against procuring or erecting any "new particular office," revived.
11. That no writers write for the clients of others, and whose debts are unpaid.
12. That no writer write over again any deeds originally formed by another writer, under pain of suspension, and fine of £20 to the box.
13. The act anent depending upon "auld servands," revived.
14. That no writer to the signet "tak up publict tavernes or oppen houses for selling of meat and drink," and those who had already done so to "discharge themselfs thereof" before Martinmas.
15. Act against careless writing, blotting, and erasing, revived.
16. Act for registration of indentures, revived.
17. Act against writers being clerks to any trade, revived.
18. That the writers keep quarterly meetings in the Tolbooth of Edinburgh, and absents to be fined 10 merks.
19. That a box be provided for keeping the fines, unlaws, dues, and charitable donations, "to be employed for the suply of the decayed wryteris, thair wyves and children."
20. That there be a treasurer appointed yearly for keeping the box, and employing the money on sufficient security in his own name "for the weill of the body," the president to have one key and the treasurer the other, and the box to be opened, and the money employed only by advice of the commissioners.
21. That an officer be elected for warning the brethren of meetings, at the yearly salary of £20.
22. That all treasurers and collectors who have hitherto acted be exonerated and discharged on production of their rolls, etc., before the commissioners.
23. That each writer pay on admission 20 merks; and that at the close of each session, two or three days before the rising thereof, every writer pay to the box 12s. Scots, or more if he pleases.
24. No writers or their servants to attest any bonds of cautionery in suspensions, lawborrows, looseing of arrestments, etc., under pain of £20 Scots for each offence.
25. That a procurator fiscal be elected for the writers yearly, who shall "pas through the bretheren's chalmers and tak tryell" of enormities, etc., and report monthly to the commissioners.

1657.

2d FEBRUARY. Ratification of all former acts.

George Mak is elected treasurer for the year, and William Ros procurator fiscal. Alexander Forrest is continued for the year as officer.

21st OCTOBER. New commission, by Sir William Lockhart of Ley, younger, one of his highness's Council in Scotland, in favour of John Sempill, James Campbell, Robert Wallace, Mr. Alexander Hamilton, Alexander Beatone, Mr. John Bayne, Mr. James Cheyne, Arthur Stratoun, Mr. Robert Hamilton, Robert Hamilton, James Allan, Alexander Leslie, "writers to the signet and keeper of the signet for the tyme, or any fyve of them, the keiper being always one." Dated at Paris, 25th June 1657.

Act of acceptance of said commission, which was presented by Mr. John Lockart, keeper of the signet, and opened and read by Mr. George Cruickshank, clerk to the writers.

Mr. John Bayne and John Rouane appointed to meet with George Mak, treasurer, to "sight" the box, and report to next meeting.

William Ros, procurator fiscal, gives up the names of Patrick Done, John Trotter, Daniel Cathcart, David Rattray, John M'Kenzie, and Adam Nisbet for keeping "chalmers" while they are not writers to the signet; and Robert Alexander, Archibald Gibsone, and Patrick Wilsone, for subscribing the letters of the aforesaid persons. They are all cited to compear on the 26th inst., within the Parliament house.

1658.

14th APRIL. Sederunt, commissioners, Robert Wallace, Mr. James Cheyne, Mr. John Bayne, Mr. Robert Hamiltone, James Allan, and James Crawford, "keiper deutt of the signet."

The said James Crawford is nominated preses for the present meeting.

Mr. John Bayn reported anent the box, that he had several times spoken to George Mak, treasurer, who promised to draw up an account of his intromissions with the moneys and papers belonging to the writers' box, but had not done so; and the said George Mak being warned to this meeting, and questioned on the matter, answered that "he behooved to have ane competent tyme" to prepare the account, which, being considered, the commissioners ordain him to give to Mr. George Cruickshank, their clerk, "ane formall and exact compt" of the moneys, bonds, etc., since the 13th day of March 1654, betwixt and the 24th instant, under pain of suspension.

George Sibbald, cited for contravention of the acts, and not compearing, is warned to the next meeting.

John M'Kenzie, agent, being "convened" before the commissioners as servant to the said George Sibbald, contrary to the acts, and interrogated "whether he writt his oune employment or George Sibbald's," declared that "all he did was in George Sibbald's chalmer, and for his behoof, being his propper employment."

And some of the commissioners being informed that the said John M'Kenzie had written letters of lawborrows at his own instance against several persons in Kirkcaldy, he was desired to produce the same, which he did: and the commissioners finding that they were informal and contrary to the act of Parliament, ordain them to remain in the clerk's hands till George Sibbald, the subscriber thereof, compear.

The commissioners being informed by their procurator fiscal that John Trotter, Adam Nisbet, Daniel Cathcart, Mr. William Lawder, Ninian Nicoll, David Ratrie, John Crawford, and Henrie Innes, keep open chambers, take prentices, and write letters, to the prejudice of the brethren and general office, they discharge all writers to the signet from subscribing the bills, letters, or precepts of the said persons, under pain of deprivation.

Patrick Don, cited for the same offences, and not compearing, is warned to the next meeting, when, if it should appear that he is "doing his endeavour" to get himself admitted writer, they will take the condition to their consideration.

Patrick Wilsone, cited for contravening the acts, and not compearing, the commissioners forbid his letters, etc., to be signed till he compear to answer *super inquirendis*.

Archibald Gibsone, charged with subscribing letters for agents, etc., denies the same, and engages to avoid that fault under pain of deprivation.

Robert Alexander, delated for the same fault, and not compearing, is warned to the next meeting.

John Somervall, who was lately suspended for writing letters of horning "disconforme" to the warrant, gave in a bill confessing his "escaip," and humbly desiring to be reponed, which is granted.

Next meeting is appointed for the 19th inst.

19th APRIL. Sederunt, John Sempill, Robert Wallace, Mr. Alexander Hamilton, Mr. John Bayne, Mr. Robert Hamilton, Alexander Beatoune, Alexander Leslie, James Allane, James Crawford, "keeper depute" of the signet.

James Crawford is continued preses of the present meeting.

George Sibbald, convened for keeping John M'Kenzie in his chamber, who was a common agent, against the act "that young wryters sall not keip old servants for collouring of thair ignorance," and for subscribing letters written by him "as his oune employment," confessed that he was ignorant of any such act; and as to subscribing the letters, confessed the fault, and that he subscribed *fide implicita*, and was now content to submit himself to the censure of the commissioners; also the said John M'Kenzie confessed that "he was onlie in the wrong in presenting of such letters to be subscrieved be him, and promised that he wold goe betuixt him and any danger that he might incurr thairby." The commissioners ordered the said George Sibbald to put away the said John M'Kenzie "furth of his wryting chamber," and ordered them both to pay to the box £20 Scots; and the said John to relieve the said George thereof in terms of his promise.

Alexander Aikenhead, writer, and Adam Nisbet, common agent, cited for keeping an open chamber together, and taking prentices, contrary to the acts, the latter compeared, denied that he kept a chamber with the said Alexander Aikenhead, his father-in-law, and affirmed that the benefit of the chamber accrued to the said Alexander only. Being desired to retire for a little until the commissioners should

deliberate as to further examination, the said Adam "went his way abruptlie." Alexander Aikenhead did not compear. The commissioners therefore order that no letters written by the latter be signeted until both the accused appear to answer *super inquirendis*.

Patrick Wilson, compearing, denied that he subscribed letters for agents; but confessed "the exercesing of ane uther office and imployment at Kirkaldie by being ane waiter," for which he received a "sallarie from the Inglishes." He is suspended.

26th APRIL. Sederunt, James Campbell, Mr. Alexander Hamilton, Robert Wallace, Alexander Leslie, Mr. Robert Hamilton, James Allane, and James Crawford, keeper depute.

James Crawford continued preses for the present meeting.

George Sibbald, compearing, declared that he was "much weighted" for giving offence, and intended "to walk more cautiouslie" for the future; and that in obedience to their order he had put away John M'Kenzie; therefore desiring that his letters might be signed as formerly, and a competent time allowed for payment of his fine. The commissioners give way to his writing and subscribing letters, and order the same to be signeted until next meeting: but if the fine shall not be paid betwixt and then, the former sentence shall stand in full force. It is ordered that no letters written by John M'Kenzie be signeted until the fine be paid.

George Mak, having given in his account, the keeper of the signet, James Allan, and the clerk, are appointed to revise it.

Alexander Aikenhead, compeared on the former charge, and denied the faults. He was questioned in regard to one Lyell, who wrote in his chamber, whether he was servant to him or to Adam Nisbet. He affirmed that he was apprentice to himself. He was ordered to produce the indenture within fifteen days for proof, and if not, his letters should be stopped at the signet.

John Alexander, "convened" for keeping an old servant, who had been prentice to Thomas Dickson, writer, and so was longer at the calling than the said John; and also for keeping in his chamber a boy who "is actuall servant" to Mr. William Lauder, a common agent; and for writing for the said Mr. William "at ane feckless and unworthie pryce below the ordinar rait of wryting." The said John Alexander declared, in regard to the first charge, that his servant had not been so long at the calling as himself, but if it would please the commissioners he would put him away; in regard to the second charge, that the boy alleged to be actual servant to Mr. William Lauder, was only with him on trial; and as to writing for the latter at "ane feckles pryce," he denied the same. Being desired to declare "the trewth of what he exacted" from the said Mr. William, he said "that he conceived it not handsome for him to declair or mak known to any." Being removed for a little, and again called, and required to state the "trew pryce," he "plainlie refused." Therefore his letters were ordered to be stopped until he should declare the price.

Richard Guthrie, writer, to be warned to next meeting, being Monday next, 3d May.

31st MAY 1658. Sederunt, Mr. James Cheyne, Alexander Bettone, Alexander Leslie, James Allane, Robert Hamilton, James Crawford, keeper depute.

James Crawford produced a bond granted by John M'Kenzie for £20 of fine lately imposed upon him by the commissioners, and the bond is to be kept by the said James till next meeting.

George Mak, cited, and not compearing, is warned to the next meeting.

Alexander Aikenheid's letters are ordered to be stopped till he produce the indenture between him and Lyell.

John Alexander compeared, and having given satisfaction in regard to the various charges against him, was rebuked.

The commissioners order that no letters written be Mr. Alexander Forrest, their officer, be signeted, until "he tak him to ane maister."

4th AUGUST. Indenture of William Robertson, son of Henrie Robertson, merchant burghess of Edinburgh, prentice to Mr. William Henrysone, W.S., for four years from his entry on 17th June 1658. Duty, 10 merks.

6th AUGUST. Indenture of James Patoune, son of John Patoune of Middle-Bellilisk, prentice to Mr. Robert Hamilton, W.S., for three years from date 10th January 1658. 10 merks.

Andrew Young declared himself to be servitor to Richard Guthrie, W.S., since January 1657. Duty, 10 merks.

William Guthrie declared himself servitor to said Richard Guthrie since November 1655. Paid "conform to order."

Mr. Alexander Pantone booked as prentice to Richard Guthrie since January 1658. Paid 10 merks.

Robert Muschet, son of Robert Muschet of Craighead, booked as servant to John Nicoll, elder, W.S., since November 1656. 10 merks.

Allane Thomson booked as servant to John Muir since June 1654. Paid conform.

John M'Kenzie booked as servant and prentice to Robert Alexander, W.S., since May 1658. 10 merks.

Mr. Alexander Irving, as servant and prentice to Mr. Alexander Hamilton, since November 1656. 10 merks.

George Will, servant to William Chalmers, since November 1654. 10 merks.

John Halden, servant to John Alexander, since June 1656. 10 merks.

John Williamson, servant to John Alexander, since December 1657. 10 merks.

James Wilkie, prentice and servant to James Crystie, since November 1655. 10 merks.

Indenture of Mr. William Sydserff, son of the late Mr. George Sydserff, minister at the kirk of Cock[burnspath], prentice to Robert Hay for three years since 1st July 1657. 10 merks. Archibald Sydserff, bailie of Edinburgh, his uncle, consents.

Indenture of James Crichtoun, son of the late James Crichtoun of Westeradie, prentice to Mr. William Henrysone, for five years from 29th March 1658. Laurence Mercer, merchant burghess of Edinburgh, consenter. 10 merks.

Indenture of William Hay, son to Mr. Alexander Hay of Baro, prentice to Robert Hay, for three years from Whitsunday last. 10 merks.

7th AUGUST. William Nicoll booked as servant to John Nicoll, elder. 10 merks.

16th OCTOBER. Admission of Walter Ewing, sometime prentice to John Sempill, as writer to the signet. 20 merks.

1st NOVEMBER. Admission of Bartholomew Robertson, sometime prentice to Mr. Alex. Hamilton, as writer to the signet. £12.

Indenture of Alexander Forbes, son of the late William Forbes in Kinstair, prentice to Mr. Robert Hamilton, for two years since 9th August last. 10 merks.

Indenture of Alexander Binnie, son of the late John Binnie, merchant burghess of Edinburgh, prentice to Mr. Robert Hamilton since 10th February 1657. 10 merks.

Indenture of Harie Grahame, son of Robert Grahame of Boshelsholme, prentice to Mr. William Thomson: date 13th February 1658. 10 merks.

24th NOVEMBER. Sederunt, John Sempill, James Campbell, Robert Wallace, Mr. Alexander Hamilton, Mr. James Cheyne, Arthur Straton, Mr. John Bayne, Robert Hamilton, Mr. Robert Hamilton, James Allan, James Crawford, keeper depute of the signet.

Intimation is ordered to be made to servants and prentices to pay their dues to the box.

A general meeting of the writers appointed for Monday next in the Parliament House, for "discovery of abuses."

James Crawford, keeper of the signet, James Allan, and Mr. George Cruickshank give in report of George Mak's account, and of the contents of the box.

The papers in the box are:—

1. Bond by Sir Archibald Douglas of Mains, for 1000 merks: dated 21st November 1644.
2. Assignment of said bond by Thomas M'Awlay to the writers to the signet: 18th April 1645.
3. Decreet of registration of said bond: 10th January 1656.
4. Horning raised thereon against Archibald Douglas of Spot and Sir Robert Douglas of Blackerstoun.
5. Bond by Alexander Crichton, in Glenquhikine, etc., for 200 merks: 12th July 1636. Recorded in books of council and session, 10th Jan. 1640.
6. Assignment of same by Thos. M'Awlay, 13th July 1636.
7. Bond by John Kello, merchant in the Canongate, for 400 merks. 25th July 1645.
8. Bond by Mr. Alexander Hay, younger, writer, for 500 merks. 4th Nov. 1635. Recorded in books of council and session, 5th March 1644.
9. Assignment thereof by Thomas M'Awlay, 9th Nov. 1635.
10. Bond by Robert Kirkwod, W.S., and William, his eldest son, for 300 merks: 28th June 1638. Registered, *ut supra*, 28th Nov. 1644.
11. Assignment thereof by Thomas M'Awlay to the writers, 28th June 1638.

George Mak, treasurer, charges himself with £789, 14s. 4d. from Sir Robert Douglas, in part payment of byrun annualrents, and partly from Mark Cas of Cockpen.

29th DECEMBER. Admission of Daniel Cathcart, son of the late William Cathcart of Waterheid, as W.S. 20 merks.

1659.

18th JANUARY. James Allan appointed treasurer.

The aforementioned bonds are delivered to the said James Allane, together with the following:—

1. Bond by Robert Pringle, W.S., and John Ker, his brother-in-law, for £310, 7s. 8d. Scots, 11th February 1656, with extract of same as registered, 24th July 1658.
2. Bond by John Mackenzie for £20 Scots, due to the box.
3. Bond by George Mak, late treasurer, for the amount intromitted with by him for his own use.

Mr. George Cruickshank, gave in an exact account of all the ten merks uplifted by him from writers' apprentices and servants in August 1658, amounting to 328 merks, which was now delivered to James Allane, treasurer. The said Mr. George declared that, though the act allowed him to retain 5 merks of every 10, he should not do so, "for the respect he owes to the weill of the bodie of the calling."

The said Mr. George also delivered to the treasurer several "tickets" for payment of "several other ten merks" for the use of the box, for terms already past, which, together with the aforesaid sums, amounted to 908 merks; for all which the said James Allane signed receipt, which is also signed by J. Crawford, "I. P. Com."

18th JANUARY. Sederunt, Mr. Alexander Hamilton, Mr. James Cheyne, Mr. John Bayne, Mr. Robert Hamilton, Alexander Beaton, James Crawford, depute keeper of the signet.

The act for giving up the names of servants, with "ane little paterne of thair hand wrytt" revived, also that their dues be paid before the 1st of February.

Mr. Alexander Forrest, officer to the writers, having given in a bill before the commissioners, "creaving soumes of pley outt of the box for furnishing him with cloths, and to tak consideratione of his present povertie," the treasurer is authorised to buy clothes for him to the extent of £40 Scots.

The treasurer is also ordered to pay to Cristiane Watt, spouse to Harie Neillson (a poor woman), the sum of £30, 16s. Scots, due to her by the said Mr. Alexander Forrest, for meat and drink furnished by her to him.

James Whyt, son of Antone Whyt, W.S., having several times craved supply, the treasurer is ordered to pay him 20s. sterling.

Marion Cuninghame, relict of William Neilson, writer to the signet, having supplicated for some help in her distress, she is allowed for the present 20s. sterling, and 4s. sterling per month.

There is here engrossed a supplication presented by the College of Justice to

the commissioners for administration of justice to the people of Scotland, against the Provost and Bailies of Edinburgh, against an "exorbitant excyse" imposed by them on wine, ale, and beer.

10th FEBRUARY. Archibald Gibson, W.S., craves supply in his present sickness, and receives £20 scots.

23d FEBRUARY. The "greatest part" of the writers to the signet being convened in the signet chamber, they appoint a committee to act for them anent the impost on wine, ale, and beer, viz., the commissioners, and also John Wilkie, James Crystie, John Rouan, Mr. George Cruickshank, Hew Paterson, and John Muir.

16th MARCH. Security is appointed to be taken for the amount still due by George Mak, late treasurer.

The dues of prentices and servants still in arrear, to be paid before 15th June next; and those who fail to do so, their master shall pay double according to the ancient custom; and none shall be admitted as writers to the signet whose prentice dues are still owing.

Mr. James Cheyn and Mr. David Watsoun compeared to answer to a charge of "minassing" one another, and acknowledged there was a discord betwixt them in William Dounie's chamber, anent the filling up of a blank paper. The case is continued, as the commissioners "could not sitt any longer by reason of their uther urgent effaires."

The said Mr. David Watsoun, being "convened" for writing a bill of general declarator upon a gift of escheat, without the Advocate-General's name inserted therein, and acknowledging his fault, the case is continued as above.

Robert Alexander, cited for cutting a summons of reduction, and joining another summons of improbation thereto, confessed he had subscribed the former summons, but was no way accessory to the cutting of it.

22d MARCH. Sederunt, Mr. Alexander Hamilton, Mr. Robert Hamilton, Robert Hamilton, Mr. John Bayn, Alexander Beatoun, Alexander Leslie, James Crawford, keeper depute of the signet.

Mr. David Watson and Mr. James Cheyn, cited for the discord aforementioned, and the former only compearing, they are ordered to pay £20 each to the box, and in the meantime are suspended till payment be made.

Mr. George Straitoun, son to the deceased James Straitoun, W.S., craves supply, and the treasurer is ordered to lay out £40 for redeeming the supplicant's clothes, which he had pledged.

5th APRIL.—The fine imposed on Mr. David Watson and Mr. James Cheyn is modified to 20 merks, to be paid betwixt them equally.

Archibald Gibson, craving help, is allowed 40 merks by weekly instalments of 5 merks.

James Forrest, son to the deceased Mr. Patrick Forrest, advocate, craves help, and is allowed 20 merks, payable by 20s. weekly.

Mr. Patrick Glesfoord, late sheriff depute of Fife, craves supply, and is allowed from the box £20 towards maintenance of himself, his wife and children.

9th MAY. The said Mr. Patrick Glesfoord receives a further supply of 20 merks.

7th JUNE. Archibald Gibson, W.S., "who hes lyn seik this whyll bypast," is allowed 5 merks weekly during his sickness, to be paid from 8th May last to the 15th of August next, at least.

2d SEPTEMBER. Allowances are made to Mr. Archibald Gibson, W.S., £20; to Judith Nairne, relict of Mr. Alexander Carmichael, W.S., £20; to Bethea Maxwell, relict of Thomas Edzer, W.S., £20; to Mr. Alexander Forrest, officer to the writers, 20 merks.

1st NOVEMBER. On supplication from John Stewart, sometime officer to the writers, he is allowed £20.

In regard of the continued sickness of Archibald Gibson, an allowance of 5 merks weekly is granted till January next.

1660.

JANUARY. In consideration of the "distrest conditioun" of the said Archibald Gibson, by reason of his continued sickness "and great povertie," an allowance is granted of 4 merks weekly till the 1st of May next; and to Mr. Alexander Forrest, their officer, 13s. 4d. weekly till 1st May.

17th NOVEMBER. Commission is produced by Mr. William Scharpe, keeper of his majesty's signet, granted and subscribed by John, Earl of Lauderdale, principal secretary of state for Scotland, in favour of "Mr. William Scharpe, keeper deput of his majestie's signet, for and under me, James Campbell, John Wilkie, Robert Hay, Robert Hamiltoun, Mr. Robert Hamiltoun, Adam Watt, Mr. James Farquhair-sone, Johnne Bayne, or any four of them, the said keeper of the signet being always one, and *sine qua non*."

Mr. Alexander Forrest is admitted as officer during the pleasure of the commissioners, and is sworn.

The officer is ordered to warn James Allan, late treasurer, Mr. George Cruickshank, late clerk, and William Ros, late procurator fiscal to the commissioners, writers to the signet, in the time of the late usurpers, to appear before the commissioners on Monday the 19th inst., and the said clerk to produce the "Book of Register" in his custody.

Eodem die at 4 o'clock P.M. Admission of John Cunynghame, late prentice and servant to James Campbell, W.S. His commission is engrossed at length.

19th NOVEMBER. The late clerk, treasurer, and procurator fiscal compear in obedience to the warning, and the said clerk, having produced the "book and register," is discharged thereof, and declared no longer clerk; William Ros is discharged of his office of fiscal; and James Allan is admitted treasurer "and keiper of the public box" during the commissioners' pleasure, and is sworn.

Mr. Robert Hamilton is appointed clerk to the writers.

The officer is ordered to warn all writers to the signet, and all others pretending to be so, during the late usurpation, to be at the meeting of the commissioners to-morrow at ten o'clock, in the parliament hall.

20th NOVEMBER. The commissioners having met, accordingly, and with them a great number of other writers, and also of those pretending they had liberty to be writers to the signet, during the usurpation, Mr. William Sharp, keeper of the signet, as preses, made intimation of the commission recently granted by John, Earl of Lauderdale, and in accordance therewith required all of them to produce their warrants of admission, and to exhibit them before the said keeper, and Mr. Robert Hamilton, clerk, in the signet chamber on Wednesday the 21st inst. and on Thursday the 22d, between the hours of nine morning and four afternoon: discharging all those not lawfully admitted by the lord's secretaries for the time, or by such as had power from his majesty or his royal progenitors, from exercising the said office of writer to the signet at their peril.

Mr. Archibald Law, writer, "ane poor man," praying for supply, the treasurer is ordered to give him three rex dollars, and that without any more to be given him hereafter."

21st and 22d NOVEMBER. The writers admitted between 1608 and 1650, and now surviving, produce their commissions, which, being inspected by the said keeper and clerk, are minuted and returned to their owners.

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15th FEBRUARY. Mr. James Farquharson and John Bayne now accept the commission, and are sworn.

On supplication by Rebecca Logan, relict of Archibald Gibson, W.S., the weekly allowance of 2 merks for her and her child, which had fallen in arrear, is ordered to be continued as from 10th December last, to the 1st of June next.

Admission of Mr. David Watson, sometime prentice and servant to the late Harie Osbourne, W.S. His commission is engrossed.

5th APRIL. Sederunt, Mr. William Scharpe, keeper of the signet, James Campbell, Adam Watt, Mr. James Farquhair, John Bayne, John Wilkie, Robert Hay, James Christie, Mr. Robert Hamiltoun.

Admission of Mr. George Cruikshank, sometime prentice and servant to John Sempill, W.S.

Katherine Nisbet, relict of George Watson, W.S., craving help for herself and fatherless children, James Chrystie and Mr. Robert Hamiltoun are ordained to inquire into her condition, and to report.

The treasurer is ordered to pay 20s. weekly to Mr. Alexander Forrest, officer, till further orders.

10th APRIL. Admission of Hugh Paterson, sometime prentice and servant to Richard Guthrie, W.S.

Admission of Andrew Young, late prentice and servant to Richard Guthrie.

11th APRIL. Admission of John Mure, sometime prentice and servant to Alexander Douglas, W.S.

Admission of Mr. William Charters, sometime prentice and servant to the late Quintene Kennedy.

Admission of John Alexander, sometime servant to the late James Tinto, W.S.

24th JUNE. Writers on admission are to pay 20 merks to the box, and to the clerk 5 merks for their acts of admission.

The treasurer is ordered "to cause furnische Mr. Alexander Forrest, their officer, in clothes and others abulziement to the avall of fourtie pounds Scots," and to pay him £12 in payment of all arrears.

James Campbell and John Bayne are appointed to revise what is in the box in money, bonds, or tickets, and to report their opinion thereon, and as to what should be done for collecting debts, etc.

Robert Hay and James Chrystie are appointed to revise the book and register, and to consider and report what acts should be revived and what rescinded.

Walter Paterson, W.S., being reported on as subscribing letters, etc., although he keeps no public chamber, his letters are ordered to be stopped at the signet until the keeper speak with him and receive satisfaction.

Mr. William Sharp, keeper of the signet, James Campbell, and John Bayne, W.S., are appointed to speak with Mr. Patrick Brown, presenter of the signatures, and earnestly to desire him to receive no signatures to be passed in Exchequer, except they be subscribed on the back by a writer to his majesty's signet, as was ever the custom.

A missive letter from the Earl of Lauderdale to the commissioners, commending them for their diligence, and promising his assistance towards the correction of abuses, is engrossed; and a thankful reply ordered to be drawn up.

Robert Hamilton, one of the clerks of the session, to be warned to appear at the next meeting, in reference to his continuing to subscribe signet letters, etc., to the prejudice of the calling.

29th JUNE. Admission of William Ros, sometime prentice and servant to the late Hew Ross, W.S.

Admission of Mr. William Thomesone, sometime prentice and servant to Robert Alexander, W.S.

Admission of James Crawford, sometime prentice and servant to James Campbell, W.S.

Admission of John Kennedie, lawful son of the late Quintene Kennedie, writer to the signet.

Admission of Archibald Gibson, late prentice and servant to John Rowan, W.S.

William Ros, W.S., is appointed procurator fiscal to the writers.

5th JULY. Admission of James Johnston, late prentice and servant to Robert Hamilton, W.S.

8th JULY. Admission of Alexander Leslie, late prentice and servant to the late Mr. Francis Hay, W.S.

Admission of Mr. John Bayne, sometime prentice and servant to John Sempill, W.S.

16th JULY. Admission of John Crawford, sometime prentice and servant to James Campbell, W.S.

Admission of Mr. Archibald Nisbet, sometime servant to Mr. Robert Hamilton, W.S.

Admission of George Dallas, sometime prentice and servant to Mr. John Bayne, W.S.

Admission of Walter Ewing, sometime prentice and servant to John Sempill, W.S.

Admission of Walter Stewart, sometime prentice and servant to Mr. William Henrysone, W.S.

Katherine Nisbet, relict of George Watson, to receive 10 rex dollars.

James Campbell and John Bayne, to revise the box.

The lately admitted writers to be warned to pay each of them to the box 20 merks.

Robert Hamilton to be warned to compear before the commissioners on Monday next at 10 o'clock, to answer at the instance of their procurator fiscal for writing to the signet, now that he is one of the ordinary clerks of the session, and John Nicoll elder, Richard Guthrie, George Mack, and Alexander Douglas, four of the old writers to the signet, to be advertised to meet with the commissioners to give their assistance and advice in the matter.

23d JULY. The commissioners having met accordingly, and the four old writers with them, and also Arthur Straton and Mr. George Cruickshank, two others of the brethren, William Ros gave in the bill of complaint against the aforesaid Robert Hamilton, who was ordained to give in his answers in writing on 10th August next.

7th AUGUST. Admission of Mr. Archibald Menzies, sometime prentice and servant to John Semple, W.S.

4th NOVEMBER. Intimation ordered to be made to the writers to the signet by their officer, "that the signet is to be patent to all persones having enteres in the tyme of wynter and sommer sessions, from eight houres in the morning to twelve houres before noone, and from two houres to sex houres in the efternoone; and in tyme of vacance from ten houres to twelve houres before noone, and from two to four houres in the efternoone (the efternoone of everie Satterday, and the forenoone of everie Monday being excepted), and if any persone or persones before or after the houres respective abone specifeit sall offer letters to be signeted, the writer to his majesty's signet subscrivving them must certifie under his hand that necessarlie they requyre to be dispatched.

The acts relating to subscription of letters, and mention of the servant writer thereof; also in reference to a register of the handwriting of writers' prentices and servants, and against subscribing for absent brethren, renewed.

The letters of those lately admitted, but who have not paid their admission duty of 20 merks, to be stopped till they produce to the keeper of the signet a certificate of payment.

It is ordained that the commissioners meet at the signet chamber on the first Monday of each month, at 10 A.M., for "ordering the affaires of the calling."

14th NOVEMBER. Admission of Andrew Aikman, sometime prentice and servant to the late Robert Pringle.

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6th JANUARY. Mr. William Scharpe, keeper of the signet, intimated that it was the pleasure of John, Earl of Lauderdale, secretary, that Mr. David Watson, be added to the commission, which was accordingly done.

Mr. Robert Hamilton and Mr. David Watson, appointed to visit the officer, Mr. Alex. Forrest, to inquire as to his long absence, the keeper of the signet reporting that "he could not have him when he had to doe for wairneing the commissioneris to meetings," etc., and that "he had at night latelie found him crossing the hie streets without his cloake, and when he asked him what way he wanted his cloake, he answered that it wes taken from him." It was also reported that the said Mr. Alexander was sick.

"The whole bodie of the calling" to be warned to meet on the 13th inst., so that the commissioners may "commoun and speake with the whole brethrene of the calling anent the effaires thereof."

13th JANUARY. Within the inner house of the parliament house.

In the general meeting called as aforesaid, the commissioners with consent of the brethren, ordain that any brother who has any overture for "remeid of any enormities committed be those in the bill chamber to the prejudice of the calling or their clients," do submit the same to the commissioners in the signet chambers that day eight days.

Mr. Robert Hamilton and Mr. David Watson report anent Mr. Alexander Forrest, the officer, "that they saw him lying in bed in the house of Margaret Spindie, widow, in Stevenlawes close, and that he affirmed himself to be verie sicke; and that they inquyred at him how it wes that he wanted his cloake which he received latelie from the treasurer of the box. He answered that it was taken from him for ane old debt; and the said Margaret Spindie declared that scho conceived he had not so much sickness as laziness and griefe or shame through the want of his cloake, and that he had not risen that his bed might be made this moneth." The commissioners considering "that it was not ane new fault" for the said officer to have his cloake taken for debt, and that he "wes ane evill attender for dischargeing of the calling," therefore, with consent of the whole brethren, they depose the said Mr. Alexander Forrest from the office; but in the meantime grant him an allowance of 13s. 4d. weekly.

Edward Nisbet, writer, having presented supplication to be admitted to the place of officer, is appointed and sworn.

Mr. David Watson is appointed treasurer for one year.

Mr. James Farquharson craves discharge of his cautionery in the bond granted by the late Mr. Alexander Hay, younger, writer, to the late Thomas M'Awlay, treasurer to the writers, for 500 merks, on the ground of his distressed condition through losses sustained during the last eighteen years. The commissioners appoint Mr. Alexander Hamilton and Mr. John Bayne to speak with the said Mr. James, and to ask what sum he would give for his discharge, and on their reporting that he offered to pay 200 merks, the commissioners, with consent of the brethren,

agree to grant discharge of the said cautionery, without prejudice to their right to sue the heirs of the said Mr. Alexander Hay for the payment of the remainder. It is also ordained that hereafter no money be lent from the box to any writer to the signet, and that no writer be accepted as cautioner for any other person borrowing therefrom.

Marion Cunynghame, relict of William Neilson, and Judith Nairne, relict of Mr. Alexander Carmichaell, craving help, their petitions are referred to the next meeting of the commissioners.

Admission of Daniel Cathcart, sometime servant to the late Robert Wallace, Richard Guthrie, and Hugh Paterson, W.S.

14th JANUARY. Admission of George Sibbald, sometime prentice and servant to John Lermont, W.S.

20th JANUARY. John Bayne and John Wilkie ordained to speak to Sir William Bruce, clerk of the bills, anent faults committed in his chamber.

James Allan, late treasurer, ordered to give in his accounts and writs belonging to the box, to James Campbell and John Bayne for their inspection.

Lately admitted writers ordered to pay their dues to the box.

Judith Nairne, Beatrix Maxwell, and Marian Cunyngham, suppliants, referred to next meeting.

On supplication by Edward Nisbet, officer, it is recommended that each writer pay to him yearly at Handsell Monday, one shilling sterling, as used to be done to former officers.

28th APRIL. All writers admitted by the Earl of Lauderdale warned to pay their 20 merks to the box.

29th APRIL. Admission of Patrick Don, sometime servant to Robert Pringle, John Nicoll, elder, and Alexander Leslie, W.S.

7th JULY. Four commissioners appointed to audit James Allan's accounts.

The treasurer, Mr. D. Watson, ordered to pay £20 each to Beatrix Maxwell, relict of Thomas Edzar, Marion Cunyngham, relict of William Neilson, and Rebecca Logan, relict of Archibald Gibson, and to Judith Nairne, relict of Alex. Carmichaell, an "indigent seeklie widow having three children," the sum of £24.

Edward Nisbet, officer, claiming £20 Scots of yearly fee according to use and wont, is ordered to make that appear by any former act; and in the meantime, for his good service and present indigence, they grant him 20s. sterling.

William Ros, the procurator fiscal, is ordered to give in account of what is required for extracting a protestation at the instance of the writers against Robert Pringle, writer, who has suspended them for a debt due by him to the box.

4th AUGUST. Admission of Mr. William Cheislie, sometime prentice and servant to the late John Semple, W.S.

20th NOVEMBER. Admission of John Alexander, late prentice and servant to Robert Alexander, W.S.

8th DECEMBER. Admission of William Lockart, late prentice and servant to the late John Semple, W.S.

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5th JANUARY. The accounts of James Allan, late treasurer, to be audited.

Mr. William Scharpe delivered to the treasurer £269, 12s. 4d. Scots, received from Archibald Douglas of Spott, in payment of interest of principal sum due by him to the box up to Martinmas 1661.

Mr. James Farquharson to be warned to pay the 200 merks promised by him for discharge of his cautionery, *ut supra*, under pain of being proceeded against for the principal amount.

12th JANUARY. The college of justice, viz., the advocates, clerks of the session, and writers to his majesty's signet, being convened in the inner parliament house, Mr. John Eleis, dean of faculty, intimated that two years since it was agreed betwixt him and some other members of the college of justice, and the town council of Edinburgh, that the members of said college who had land in Edinburgh should only pay therefor three months' cess or stent, viz., two to the behoof of the lords of session, and one at the beginning of the uplifting of the excise for supplying the deficiency of his majesty's annuity from the excise within the burgh and suburbs, which cess was agreed to be paid according to one in the hundred, as it was in the time of the late English usurpers; and therefore the said dean desired that the cess should be paid in terms of the agreement.

The said dean of faculty also represented that Andrew Lothian, merchant in Edinburgh, was installed as keeper of the parliament house in the time of "the late cessation of administration of justice" by the provost and council of Edinburgh, although formerly the appointment belonged to the lords of session. It was therefore ordained that the said Andrew should show his warrant, and if it was found to proceed only from the magistrates, he should be dismissed, unless he should procure his warrant from the lords of session.

The dean of faculty desired that some of the advocates, clerks, and writers, be nominated to represent to the lord chancellor, lord treasurer depute, and clerk of registers, the case of the noblemen and others who were put to the horn for not payment of his majesty's feu, blench, and other dues to the exchequer, and were debarred from pursuing or defending their causes, and to desire a continuation of execution on the grounds therein stated.

The said dean and members appoint two of their number to wait on the dean of guild and town of Edinburgh, to desire them to give warrant that the back seats in the loft of the lords of session in the new church of St. Giles, may every day be kept by the writers' officer, as formerly, and that the advocates and writers only be permitted to sit there; and to speak to the provost of Edinburgh, that no officer of the burgh or soldier be allowed "to quarter upon or poind any member of the college of justice for stent, cess, etc., but only to proceed against them by charge and horning.

2d FEBRUARY. Edward Nisbet, officer, to go through the chambers of the writers, and to receive from each a roll of his prentices and servants, and to use his endeavour to get them to pay their dues.

Mr. David Watson continued treasurer for a year.

John Cunynghame, W.S., warned to compear to be spoken with for assuming the whole privilege of writing the suspensions passed in exchequer.

Mr. James Cheyne complains upon Robert Alexander for continuing to act as writer to the signet, notwithstanding that he was at the horn and unrelaxed for "this many yeirs," contrary to the act of sederunt of 8th November 1609, and for other faults. The said Robert to be warned to compear at next meeting.

Richard Guthrie warned for the same fault.

Robert Hay is appointed to speak to the magistrates of Edinburgh for redress of grievances done by them and their officers against the writers.

9th MARCH. William Ros, procurator fiscal, complains against John Cunynghame, W.S., for writing all suspensions, etc., in exchequer: *ut supra*. The said John compearing, desired that a bill be drawn up against him, and that he should have time to answer thereto. Granted.

Robert Alexander, W.S., compeared to answer to the bill of complaint given in by Mr. James Cheyne, but as the latter did not compear, the said Robert protested that he should not be held to answer without a new warning. Admitted.

Mr. David Watson, treasurer, intimated that he had lent out for the behoof of the poor of the calling 500 merks, to William Yeaman, advocate, James Montgomery, merchant, and Andrew Scott, bookseller, burgesses of Edinburgh, by their bond of date, 9th January 1663.

6th APRIL. The complaint by Mr. James Cheyne against Robert Alexander, continued to the first Monday of June next.

John Cunyngham, to be warned to the first Monday of June.

Katherine Nisbet, relict of George Watson, to receive £12 Scots from the box.

The same amount is voted to Beatrix Maxwell, relict of Thomas Edzer, and Katherine Edzer, her daughter.

In both of these cases, the parties are cautioned "to be no farder troublesome to them therefore in any tyme coming."

2d JUNE. Admission of Archibald Marshall, late prentice and servant to Hugh Paterson, W.S.

Accounts of the moneys received and debursed by George Mak, writer, and treasurer to the writers' box between 1654 and 1658.

Discharge in favour of the said George Mak, and of his intromissions.

A general meeting appointed for Monday the 8th of June.

8th JUNE. Sederunt, Mr. William Scharp, keeper of his majesty's signet, Mr. James Farquharson, John Bayne, John Wilkie, Robert Hay, Mr. David Watson, and Mr. Robert Hamiltone.

Absentees are fined "in ane sexpence," to be paid to the officer.

John Nicoll, elder, Mr. Alexander Hamilton, Alexander Leslie, Mr. John Bayne, John Cunynghame, and William Ros are nominated to meet, and set down in writing such overtures as they think fitting to represent to the secretary for the good of the calling.

It was complained that some of the brethren were appointed writers for the poor

too frequently, and therefore the commissioners and brethren ordain that the lord secretary be spoken to, and that he be desired to speak to the lords of session, that they nominate none to write for the poor until a list be given in by the keeper of the signet and the commissioners, of such of the brethren as they shall judge fit to be nominated each year for the poor, so that there may be an equal burden.

Mr. James Farquharson having again petitioned for relief of his cautionery for 500 merks due to the box, and offering to pay 100 merks, the commissioners and brethren adhere to their previous act thereanent, accepting his offer of 200 merks.

A fee of £20 to be paid from the box yearly to the officer.

Continuation in favour of prentices and servants yet in arrear of their dues, to the 15th July next.

Four of the brethren appointed to represent to Sir William Bruce, clerk of the bills, the abuses in his office.

A general meeting appointed for Monday next.

20th JULY. The answers of the clerk of the bills anent the abuses being found unsatisfactory, some of the brethren are again appointed to speak to him to regulate his chamber, and the prices taken therein, conforme to the state of matters in the time of the late Mr. John Skene, his predecessor.

The dean of faculty to be spoken to anent the cess and money for the desks in the kirks, and other burdens lately imposed by the town.

Four brethren appointed to represent to the lord register that, as the parliament now sitting "ar about the regulating of the book of rates and prices of writts," the brethren being concerned therein, may be heard upon the matter by some appointed for that purpose.

The same brethren are to draw up overtures for the good of the calling, to be submitted to the lord secretary.

The treasurer is instructed to deliver to the keeper of the parliament house "ane rex dollar for his services and paines," in attending them at their meetings.

The next meeting appointed for the 27th July inst.

27th JULY. The roll called, and absents fined.

Prentices and servants allowed until the 1st of December to pay their fees.

Mr. John Bayne and Mr. Robert Hamilton appointed to present the desires of the brethren to Sir William Bruce for regulating the bill chamber, and to give in a note of the prices exacted in the time of the late Mr. John Skene.

Report given in of meeting with the dean of faculty anent the cess money for the desks in the kirk and other burdens imposed by the magistrates of Edinburgh to the effect that the lords of session had appointed two or three of their number to speak with the magistrates thereanent, of which no report had yet reached the dean.

James Chrystie reported that he endeavoured to meet with the lord register anent the book of rates, but "could not find him at leasure be reason of his great important affaires, both in parliament and session," but promised to do diligence still in the matter.

Judith Nairn, relict of Mr. Alexander Carmichaell, W.S., to receive £24 Scots from the treasurer; and two of the brethren are ordained to speak to the kirk treasurer, to obtain some supply out of the collections for the said Judith, and that

if not, the writers would withdraw their monthly contribution to the poor of the burgh, as paid by them to the deacons of the kirks.

Rebecca Logan, widow of Archibald Gibson, to receive £20 Scots.

Marion Cunynghame, relict of William Neilson, to receive £20 Scots.

11th SEPTEMBER. The members of the college of justice, viz., advocates and writers to his majesty's signet, being convened in "the high exchequer house of the old Tolbooth," to hear and consider the report anent the magistrates' proposal to buy from John, Earl of Lauderdale, the citadel of Leith, for £6000 sterling, for obviating of the detriment which would arise to the burgh of Edinburgh through the inhabitants by the said citadel trafficking and holding markets there; but in consideration of the paucity of the members assembled, the matter is delayed till next meeting.

16th SEPTEMBER. The same matter being taken up, the dean of faculty (Mr. John Eleis) desired the consent of the advocates and writers to the said purchase of the citadel of Leith, by applying £4000 out of the imposition chamber, and £2000 from the common good. The advocates and writers give consent on condition that the magistrates relieve them of all cess upon their lands within the burgh of Edinburgh, Canongate, and Leith for the deficiency of the excise of ale, beer, and malt brewed and sold within the said burgh and suburbs.

29th OCTOBER. Commission by John, Earl of Lauderdale, secretary of state for Scotland, in favour of Mr. William Sharpe, keeper depute of the signet, for and under the said secretary, John Nicoll, elder, James Campbell, Mr. Alexander Hamilton, John Bayne, John Wilkie, Robert Hay, Mr. Robert Hamiltoun, James Allane, John Cunyngham, Mr. David Watstone, Alexander Leslie, Hew Paterson, and Mr. John Bayne, or any five of them, the said keeper of the signet being always one, dated at the Friars, 23d October 1663.

Mr. William Sharp, as keeper, assumed the presidency of their meetings.

Mr. David Watson is appointed treasurer and keeper of the box for one year.

Mr. Robert Hamilton is appointed clerk during the will of the commissioners.

William Ros is appointed procurator fiscal during will.

Edward Nisbet appointed officer during pleasure.

Missive letter from the Lord Secretary restricting the number of writers to the signet to threescore, etc. Thanks are given for the said letter.

Mr. William Innes, sometime servant to Mr. James Cheyne, W.S., being complained upon by George Dunbar of Inchbrock, for receiving money from him for passing of a suspension and writing other letters to the signet at his instance, and not expeding the same nor re-delivering the money, is warned to compear at next meeting.

1664.

1st FEBRUARY. Prentices and servants ordained to pay 10 merks to the box.

Writers to set down their servants' names, by whom their letters are written, and all writers, with their servants and apprentices, to subscribe the book of the keeper of the signet.

General ratification of the "acts of the calling," and the particular acts, one in 1594, relating to the exercise of any particular office by writers to the prejudice of their brethren, and the other on 13th February 1613, prohibiting writers from being clerks to the crafts, are renewed.

The commissioners, being informed that Andrew Young, W.S., was endeavouring to procure for himself the clerkship of the wrights and masons of Edinburgh, and that he was "emboldened" thereto, because Archibald Gibson, W.S., was clerk to the tailors of the said burgh, and "yett was not quarreled nor pursewed therefore," ordain the said Archibald Gibson to be pursued before them, and to be warned to compear at next meeting; and the fiscal to speak with Andrew Young to desist from seeking the aforesaid clerkship.

James Allan and Mr. David Watson appointed to speak with Mr. Alexander Foulis of Ratho anent a legacy of £100 Scots, by the late Michael Melvill, writer, to be paid the box.

The fiscal to lead apprising against Robert Pringle, writer, for debt due by him to the box.

Admission of George Colquhoun, sometime servant to George Cruikshank, W.S.

7th MARCH. John Bayne and Mr. Alexander Hamilton received as commissioners.

Archibald Gibson's case continued.

William Ros, fiscal, reported that apprising was led against Robert Pringle, and that he should now raise letters against the superior for infeftment in the land.

Three members appointed to revise the accounts of James Allan, late treasurer.

The treasurer and fiscal reporting that summons of reduction was raised by Douglas of Spot of bond granted by the late Sir Robert Douglas of Spot to the late Thomas M'Awlay, their treasurer, for 1000 merks, James Allan, Mr. David Watson, treasurer, and William Ros are appointed to defend in the action.

Commissioner again appointed in reference to Michael Melvill's legacy of £100 Scots.

The clerk, Mr. Robert Hamilton, ordered to inspect the writers' subscriptions in the book at the signet chamber, and to remark such as are disconform to the words of the act, that they may be rectified.

Admission of Mr. William Guthrie, late servant to Richard Guthrie, W.S., upon the demission of the said Richard, his father-in-law.

Admission of Mr. James Keith, late servant to Mr. James Cheyne, W.S.

Admission of James Peter, late servant to William Hunter, and other writers to the signet.

10th MARCH. Admission of John Trotter, late prentice and servant to Mr. George Trotter, W.S.

Admission of Hew Wallace, sometime prentice and servant to the late John Rowan, W.S., upon the demission of William Hunter, W.S.

6th JUNE. Supplication ordained to be given in to the lords of session, craving that the commissioners for the writers to the signet may be exempted from being

appointed as writers to the poor, and that the lords would appoint for that purpose such as the commissioners shall offer in their turns. The tenor of the supplication is recorded.

The writers for the poor for this year are named, viz., John Crawford, Walter Stewart, George Sibbald, George Dolless, Andrew Aikman, Mr. William Guthrie. The foresaid application refused by the lords.

Report anent the legacy by Michael Melvill, to the effect that Mr. Alexander Foulis of Ratho promised to show at Whitsunday next how much was provided by that legacy.

The treasurer is ordered to employ Mr. Laurence Oliphant, advocate, to be advocate for "the calling," in all their "public concernments."

Lord Borthwick to be charged to infest the treasurer in Robert Pringle's lands.

4th JULY. The treasurer reports that he had received from Douglas of Spot the principal sum of 1000 merks, and had lent it again on bond for behalf of the poor of the calling, to Sir William Baillie of Lamington.

Former acts anent booking of apprentices and servants, and payment of dues, ratified.

William Wallace, servant to John Cunynghame, charged for 10 merks due to the box.

Mr. Thomas and Hew M'Clures charged for the same.

Mr. Thomas and Hew M'Clures discharged of their 10 merks due to the box, in consideration of their services in writing a process and decret of apprysing at the instance of the treasurer against Robert Pringle of Dewar, for a debt due to the poor of the calling.

The account of William Ros, fiscal, in the same matter to be paid.

Andrew Angus and William Law, servants to Mr. David Watson, treasurer, are discharged of the half of their entrance duty (of 10 merks), in respect of their services in writing receipts of the prentices' and servants' fees.

Judith Nairne, relict of Mr. Alexander Carmichael, being sickly and indigent, to receive £24 Scots from the box.

Rebecca Logan, relict of Archibald Gibson, "ane poore old woman," to receive £20 Scots.

Marion Cunynghame, relict of William Neilson, "ane indigent old woman," to receive £20 Scots.

Discharge by the commissioners to Mr. James Farquharsone, W.S., of his cautionery in bond granted by Mr. Alexander Hay, W.S., to the late Thomas M'Awlay, their treasurer, his heirs, etc., for 500 merks, of date 4th November 1634, and assigned to the said Thomas M'Awlay in favour of the writers to the signet, on 9th November 1635; the said Mr. James Farquharsone having now paid the sum of 200 merks to the treasurer. Dated 20th September 1664.

7th NOVEMBER. Mr. David Watson, treasurer, declared that he had lent out of the box the sum of 600 merks Scots, to Mr. John Livingston of Greenhill, M.D., and Mr. William Livingston of Rigisland, his brother german, upon their bond, of date 22d September 1664.

Complaint by David Ratray, writer in Edinburgh, against William Chalmer,

W.S., for raising letters of inhibition at the instance of the complainer's wife against himself, upon a discharge granted by him. The complainer is ordained to produce the discharge at next diet.

A general meeting appointed for Monday next at 10 a.m.

14th NOVEMBER. Sederunt, Mr. William Sharp, keeper of the signet, John Bayne, Mr. Alexander Hamilton, Robert Hay, James Allan, Mr. David Watsone, John Cunynghame, Hugh Paterson, Mr. Robert Hamilton.

Absentees fined in sixpence each, payable to Edward Nisbet, officer.

The commissioners and whole brethren taking to consideration "that it is ane burden and incumbrance to the saids commissioners to subscribe letters and others to the signet for all their absent bretherene, and that some of themselves may be absent especially in the tyme of vacance," therefore they nominate and appoint John Muir, Mr. William Thomson, Mr. William Charters, and James Johnston, to be assistant commissioners in subscribing letters, summons, etc., to the signet, for their absent brethren who are or shall be furth of the burgh of Edinburgh, upon the sight of a warrant from them under their handwrit, until 1st November next.

Andrew Rutherford, W.S., to be warned to the next diet to answer for the following abuses, viz., subscribing letters, etc., to the signet for unfreemen and agents, especially for William Hamilton and Mr. James Weir, agents, and sometimes subscribing blank sheets of paper to agents to be filled up by themselves, and sometimes with three or four lines "of his own hand writ at the beginning of summons and als many at the hender end," and subscribing these blanks in the body of the summons without containing any proposition or formal conclusion; and giving the same to agents who cut them, and fill up as many sheets of paper therein as they please, and when he goes out of Edinburgh leaving blank sheets of paper with these agents, to be filled up by them.

William Chalmer is also warned to answer at next diet for subscribing letters for agents, and for "conduceing" with them, and taking yearly pensions from them *in cumulo* for subscribing letters and summonses which they wrote to the signet, and especially from John Loutfoot, Mr. William and Harie Innes, and John Basillie.

Robert Alexander, warned for the same fault; also Mr. James Cheyne.

Archibald Gibson is to be pursued by the fiscal before the commissioners in the complaint against him for exercising the office of clerk to the tailors of the burgh, and for subscribing letters for John M'Kenzie, and other agents.

Thomas Dickson warned for subscribing a bill of suspension, written by James Chrystie, W.S., at the instance of William Symson, bailie of Dysart; which bill was written over again by Mr. Andrew Hedderweik, an agent, and then subscribed by the said Thomas by "collusion and transaction" with the said Andrew; and also for subscribing letters for Adam Nisbet, agent.

It was represented to the commissioners and brethren present, "that ther was some difference of the styles amongst the brethren of the calling, especiallie in writing of advocatiounes and summondis of generall and speciall declarators, and that some writers did insert in advocatiounes (which was only begun in thir late years), ane clause not only dischargeing the inferior judges mentioned in the narrative of the advocatioun before whom the actioun was perseued, but also generallie all others inferior judges within this realme, albeit in former tymes the saids writters were only in use to discharge the particular judge or judges whose

names were speciallie mentioned in the narrative of the bill; as also that of late, some witters did writt summondis of generall and speciall declarators both in one pair of letters, whereas in former tymes they were used to be writtin in tuo severall summondis, and the summons of speciall declarator used not to be writtin untill there had bene ane decreit obtained upon the summons of the declarator." Therefore, the whole brethren present are ordained to take these differences of style into their serious consideration, and to think of ways and means for removing them, and establishing a uniformity.

Three of the brethren are appointed to speak with Mr. Alexander Foulis of Ratho, anent the legacy by Michael Melvill of £100 to the box.

It is ordained that the rolls of their prentices' and servants' names, who have paid their 10 merks to the treasurer, be compared with their names set down in the book kept in the signet chamber, that those who have not yet paid may be known.

The treasurer is appointed to pay to Andrew Louthian, keeper of the parliament house, one rex dollar, and to George Hay, his servant, one shilling sterling, for their pains and service.

Admission of Mr. William Gordon, late prentice and servant to John Baine, W.S.

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27th FEBRUARY. Mr. William Scharp, keeper of the signet, and Robert Hay, W.S., are appointed to meet with those of the lords of council and session and advocates, appointed to meet for trial of the qualifications of a professor of Humanity in the college of Edinburgh.

7th AUGUST. Sederunt, Mr. William Scharp, keeper of the signet, Mr. Alexander Hamilton, Robert Hay, Mr. David Watson, Mr. Robert Hamilton.

The widows formerly mentioned get supply from the box, viz., Judith Nairne, £24; Rebecca Logan, £16; and Marion Cunyngnam, £16.

On supplication of Mr. George Straton, son of the late James Straton, W.S., the treasurer is instructed to allow him nine rex dollars to be paid in three instalments.

Mr. Archibald Law, writer, "ane sicklie poore man," is allowed three rex dollars from the box.

16th AUGUST. Admission of James Carnegie, late servant and prentice to James Allan.

3d NOVEMBER. Sederunt, Mr. William Sharp, keeper of the signet, Robert Hay, James Allan, John Cunyngname, Mr. David Watson, Hugh Paterson, Mr. Robert Hamiltoun.

Mr. William Sharp intimates that Sir Robert Sinclair, advocate, dean of faculty, had appointed a meeting of certain of the advocates to take place that day at 7 o'clock p.m., in the dwelling-house of Andrew Caddell, vintner, in Edinburgh, to consult on certain overtures to the lords of session for redress of the "enormities" committed by Sir William Bruce and his servants in the bill chamber. The commissioners therefore appoint Robert Hay, James Allan, and Mr. Robert Hamilton to attend at said meeting to hear the proposals of the advocates.

The commissioners appoint John Cunyngname, to "pass to the personall

presence of Sir William Bruce, clerk of the bills, and to inform him of the aforesaid meeting."

Same day at 7 p.m. The three brethren appointed to meet with the advocates, being interrogated by the dean of faculty anent the "enormities" in the bill chamber, replied "that they had not fullie considered upon the said enormities by reasoun of ther sudden advertisement." The dean therefore desired them to meet with the keeper of the signet, and the other commissioners, and to draw up a note upon the subject to be presented by him to the president and remanent lords of session.

6th NOVEMBER. The commissioners appoint Mr. William Henderson, John Cunynghame, Hugh Paterson, and Alexander Leslie, to speak to Sir William Bruce, "and to present to him the saids enormities and propositions and demands of the saids writers, and to deal with him freindlie" anent the rectifying of the enormities and granting the demands.

Commission is renewed to the three brethren formerly appointed to meet with the dean of faculty and the other advocates, anent the enormities.

Mr. William Henderson, Robert Hay, Hugh Paterson, and James Allan are appointed to draw up an act for "binding and restraining" the brethren from subscribing letters, etc., for agents and unfreemen.

8th NOVEMBER. The commissioners appoint Mr. William Sharp, keeper of the signet, or Mr. Robert Hamilton, or either of them, to meet with the commissioners of the lords of session and advocates appointed to meet for examination and trial of a professor of Humanity in the college of Edinburgh, and to vote in his election.

1666.

4th JANUARY. Mr. William Sharp having produced a "writ or paper containing the enormities committed in the bill chamber, consideration thereof is deferred to the meeting of the whole bretheren," on Monday next at 10 a.m.

An act is ordained to be drawn up giving power to the "procurator fiscal of the calling," to refer to the oaths of the delinquent brethren their subscribing of letters, etc., for agents and unfreemen, where probation by writ is deficient.

8th JANUARY. The commissioners "and ane great number" of the other writers to the signet, having met in the outer house of the parliament or new session house, and having called the roll, the absents "who were not excused," viz., John Hamilton, Mr. William Thomson, Alexander Leslie, Patrick Done, Mr. William Gordon, and James Carnegie, are fined in one shilling sterling each, to be paid to the officer, and their letters to be stopped until payment be made.

John Bayne having been admitted to the office of sheriff clerk of Berwick, is suspended from writing to the signet.

William Lockhart, having been admitted commissary of Lanark, is suspended from writing to the signet.

The commission for drawing up an act against transgressors of the acts by subscribing for agents, etc., is renewed.

James Allan and Mr. William Charteris are appointed to convene with those

of the town council anent the regulating of the annuity imposed upon "house maills" within the burgh.

Admission of Walter Douglas, son of the deceased Alexander Douglas, writer to the signet.

22d JANUARY. General meeting, absents fined in one shilling sterling.

Mr. William Henderson, John Mure, Mr. William Thomsone, Mr. William Charteris, James Johnstone, and George Dallas, are appointed assistants to the commissioners in subscribing letters, summonses, etc., for absent brethren, on their warrant under their own hands, and that for the year ensuing.

George Dallas is appointed procurator fiscal.

Two rex dollars ordered to be given to Andrew Lothian, keeper of the parliament house, and to George Hay his servant, half a rex dollar.

William Lockhart is reponed to the office of writer to the signet, and the procurator fiscal ordered to raise a libel against him before the commissioners for exercising his office while he was commissary of Lanark, which the said William declared he was willing to answer.

On supplication of Catherine Nisbet, relict of George Watson, craving a quarterly pension to be allowed to her, "and her fyve poore fatherles childrene," the commissioners and whole brethren modify and allow to her a quarterly allowance of £12 Scots.

The commissioners and "whole bodie of the writers to his majestie's signet," being convened in the outer house, "it was represented by the procurator fiscall and some of the brethrene, as it had been at former meetings, that albeit there was an act made upon the fourt day of November 1661, whereby for preventing and restraining the subscriyveing of lettres, summonds, precepts, and others written by unfreemen and their servands, to the prejudice and indignitie of the calling, it was enacted that no writter wald subscriyve for unfreemen, and that everie writter sould in a book at the signet cause all their servands subscriyve by their hand writt and subscription that they were actual servands or prenteises to such a writter, and that the writter sould declare them to be his servands, and at every subscription of letters and others sould subjoyne that such letters were written by such a servand or prenteis as did wryte them, notwithstanding quherof diverse of the brethrene hes most unordourlie frustrat the said act, and the good and benefite the calling, intended by it, in so far as it was affirmed that some of the brethrene did colour unfreemen by taking them or their servands in their chambers, and by booking and owneing them as if they were their own servands and prenteises, and that others booked and owned unfreemen's servants resideing not in the wryters' chambers bot in their own maisters' chambers, by which their maisters and they brooked the benefite of priviledged wryters, and that others did also unjustlie abuse the calling by conducing with agents, clerks, servands, old prenteises, notars, and others, to wryte or subscriyve all their employments promiscuouslie during ane sett tyme for base pensions or base and naughtie pryces, to the reproach, ruine, and contempt of the calling: as lykeweyes it was represented that the wryters wer sometymes abused by their own servands, who either in their maisters' absence, or pretending that their maisters were absent, did procure subscriptiones to lybelled sumonds and others, and defrauds their maisters of the benefite thair of; and the saids commissioners and whole bretherene being desyrous to remove these practices and disorders, they

therefore, by virtue of the power and auctoritie committed to them by the lord secretarie, with consent of there whole bretherene, prohibite and discharge all and everie one of the wryters to his majestie's signet to acknowledge or owne any persone or persones whatsoever as their servands or prenteises, bot such only as in verie deid and trueth, without all fraud and collusion, ar their reall and actuall prenteises and servands, actuallie reseiding and wryting in their chambers, whose wryting and imployments, whither come in by themselves or their maisters, redounds whollie to the profite and benefite of their maisters, except the usual drink-money; and lykwayes discharges and prohibites all the saids wryters and everie one of them to mak any pactiones and bargaines with any agents, clerks, servands, notars, and others, dependers on the college of justice, or any in their names, for wryting of their imployments during any sett tyme for pensiounes, or at base and naughtie pryces beneath the ordinarie pryces now in use, to the prejudice and contempt of the calling: and sicklyk prohibites and discharges all the wryters that they nor any of them except commissioners and such as ar authorized to assist them in suppleing the absence of any of their bretherene, presume to subscriye for any absent brother; and that no commissioner, or other autorizet, sall upon occasion or pretence of a brotheres absence subscriye any lettres or summondis for him, unles his servand who presents them have a written warrand from the absent maister particularlie directed to any on or two, and not exceeding that number in the direction, and that the subscriyer keepe ane note of what he subscriyes, and delyver it to the absent brother upon his returne, that he may call his servands to ane accompt: with certification to all such as transgresse and contravene any pairt of the premisses, they sall pay for the first fault to the thesaurer of the calling, for the use of the poore thereof, the soume of fourtie pounds Scotts money, and for the second fault sall be deprieved from their office simpliciter: and for the more effectuall and vigorous execution of this act, it is of consent of the whole bodie declared that it sall be leisum to the procuratour fiscall in all complaints to be founded upon the contravention and breach of this act, to referre the samen to the delinquent's oathes of veritie, when he wants other probatioun; and that they being lawfullie cited by the ordinar officer personally apprehended to compeir before the commissioners to answer to the complaint, and failzie to compeir, or compeiring refuse to depone and purge themselves by their oathes, which oath they of their owne consents heirby allowes the commissioners to administer, they salbe holden as confest, which sall be als sufficient as if the complaint wer proven be writt or witnesses: and ordaines all the present wryters presentlie to subscriye this act in testimonie of their assent and submissioun thereto, and that all the intrant wryters subscriye the same at there admissioun, that it may have perpetuall observance as that which so much concernes the good and weell of the calling, and ordaines that everie wryter have ane coppie of thir presents under the clerk's hand affixed publickly in there chambers that they nor there servands may pretend no ignorance heirop.

(The signatures follow, covering three pages.)

6th JULY. Complaint is made by George Dallas, procurator fiscal, against Thomas Dickson, writer, to the effect that the keeper of the signet had intercepted a signature of the laird of Wedderburn's, and a precept thereon, both subscribed by the said Thomas, written by Alexander Home, whom the said Thomas calls his

servant, but who is not so, but servant to Adam Nisbet, an unfreeman : and also that the signature and precept were "absurdlie unformall." The documents being produced, and the said Alexander Home confessing himself to be servant to Adam Nisbet only, who dictated the signature and precept, the commissioners deprive the said Thomas Dicksons during their pleasure, and fine him in £40 Scots.

Andrew Aikman, Archibald Marshall, and Mr. William Gordon, being informed against for transgressing the last act by writing letters at "too mean a rate, viz., at sixpence the pair, drinksilver and all," are to be cited to next meeting.

Marion Cunynghame, relict of William Neilson, having craved supply, is allowed £16 Scots from the box.

17th JULY. Mr. William Gordon having compeared and confessed writing a "pair of letters" to the signet, the bill being written by John M'Kenzie, an unfreeman, is rebuked, and forgiven, and assoilzied from a charge of receiving a number of young men who were not his servants.

Andrew Aikman is assoilzied from the charge of subscribing letters to James Cranstoun at sixpence the pair.

The case of Archibald Marshall, accused of similar faults, is continued.

George Sibbald, also accused of writing letters at "mean and base prices," is assoilzied.

George Colquhoun, charged with subscribing signatures written by unfreemen, and especially a precept upon a signature written by Mr. George Cruickshank in favour of the Earl of Perth or Sir John Drummond, having denied the charge and made explanation, is assoilzied.

On supplication by Thomas Dicksons to be reponed to his office, the commissioners declare that they would consider the same when he should pay the fine of £40 due to the box.

Edward Nisbet, officer, craves "some gratuitie and reward furth of the saids wryters ther box, attour his ordinar fie, for his extraordinarie panes taken be him in frequent warnings of the bretheren to meittings, and in going throw the saidis wryters ther chalmers" with the extract of the act made for repressing the enormities, etc. The commissioners order the treasurer to pay him 20 merks, and promise to take his condition into further consideration when they should receive from the treasurer an account of his diligence.

Judith Nairne, relict of Mr. Alexander Carmichael, is allowed £24 Scots.

25th JULY. Thomas Dickson, having paid his fine of £40, craves to be reponed, and is allowed in the meantime to subscribe letters, etc., until next meeting, providing that the letters be written by his own servants ; but the commissioners declare that the indenture between him and Alexander Home shall not be respected, because since the date thereof the said Alexander constantly served Adam Nisbet, agent.

Rebecca Logan, relict of Archibald Gibsons, is allowed £20 from the box.

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28th JANUARY. James Hog, writer, "ane poor indigent seicklie man," craving "some charitie" for himself "and his poore wyfe and children," is allowed 20 merks.

The commissioners approve of payments by the treasurer, namely, of a certain sum "to ane poor woman in Edinburgh quhair umquhill Mr. Alexander Forrest, wryter, late officer to the saids wryters, lodged, for candle furnished be her to him the time he wes a deying;" and five rex dollars, amounting to £14, 10s. Scots, for the burying of the late Rebecca Logan, relict of Archibald Gibsone.

1st FEBRUARY. On supplication by Isabella Measlet, relict of Robert Neill, W.S., for some "supplie" for herself and children, the commissioners grant a pension of £24 Scots yearly, to be paid by quarterly instalments.

6th JUNE. The officer is ordered to "go through the wryters to his majestie's signet ther chambers," and to "tak up ane list" of their prentices and servants.

7th JUNE. Admission of John Mack, only son of the deceased George Mack, writer to the signet.

11th JUNE. The whole brethren to be warned to compear in the signet chamber to-morrow at eight o'clock in the morning, and to bring with them a list of the "trew actuall and reall servands who reallie wrytts in ther owin chambers," under pain of suspension.

12th JUNE. Sederunt, Mr. William Sharp, keeper of the signet, Robert Hay, James Allan, John Cuninghame, Mr. David Watson, Hugh Paterson, Mr. Robert Hamiltoun, and a great number of the brethren.

The roll is called, and absents are suspended, viz., John Hamiltoun, Alexander Beatoun, John Muir, Walter Stewart, and Mr. James Keith.

Thomas Dickson is suspended for subscribing letters for agents and unfreemen.

William Chalmers, complained upon by George Dallas, fiscal, for giving up in his list of his servants and prentices the names of divers persons who were not his "own actuall servands trewlie receiding in his chamber," and for subscribing letters for his servants at meaner prices than ordinary, denied the charge, and the case is continued.

The commissioners and brethren appoint Mr. Robert Hamiltoun, Mr. William Thomson, and Andrew Young to visit the chambers of the writers to the signet, and to inquire as to any abuses and enormities.

A general meeting of the "whole bodie" of the writers is ordained to be held "everie Wednesday in the moneth," and every absent brother not lawfully excused, to pay one shilling sterling to the treasurer of the box.

Mr. William Sharp, keeper of the signet, the whole other commissioners, and Mr. William Thomson, Mr. William Charters, and George Dallas, and any other of the brethren that pleases, are appointed to go to the lord president of the session, and to desire him to give justice to James Chrystie, writer to his majesty's signet, in his complaints pursued by him before the lords of session, against Walter Borthwick, one of the bailies of Edinburgh, for "ane ryot committed be him against the said James, in causing of ane of the toune officers brash the said James his door of his hous, violentlie break it up, and apprehend him and put him in thair tolbooth, and that ther may be ane act of sederunt that no wrytter shall be taken heireafter bot be captione, nor be poynded bot be his majestie's letters of poynding."

10th JULY. The commissioners and a great number of the other writers being convened in the outward house of the parliament, the roll is called, and absents fined one shilling sterling, namely, Mr. Alexander Hamiltoun, John Cunynghame, Hugh Patersone, and James Carnegie.

John Hamilton, and the others who were suspended for absence from the previous meeting, are reponed.

James Allan, Alexander Beatoun, and Mr. William Charters are ordained to visit Thomas Dicksone, who is sick, and "to trye if he hes any proper employment of his owen," and to subscribe his letters, which shall be written by two of his servants.

Mr. David Watson, treasurer, reported that he had used execution against Sir William Baillie of Lamington, Kt., and his cautioner, for the principal sum of 1000 merks, due to the writers' box by his bond; and that Sir William offered to procure a bond of corroboration thereof from Sir Adam Blair of Lochwood, one of his majesty's writers, and to pay the interest due as at Whitsunday last. This was approved by the commissioners, and the treasurer commended for his diligence.

The treasurer is appointed to deliver to Walter Cunynghame, keeper of the parliament house, one rex dollar and a half for himself and George Hay, his servant, for their pains and service in attending the commissioners and brethren at their meetings.

Marion Cunyngham, relict of William Neilson, is allowed £16 out of the box.

17th JULY. Sederunt, Mr. William Sharp, keeper of the signet, Mr. Alexander Hamilton, James Allan, Mr. David Watson, Hugh Paterson.

Mr. William Sharp is nominated commissioner for the writers to meet with those of the lords of council and session and advocates, for the trial of a professor of humanity in the college of Edinburgh.

7th AUGUST. Sederunt, Mr. William Sharp, keeper of the signet, Mr. Alexander Hamilton, Robert Hay, Mr. David Watson, Mr. Robert Hamiltoun, with a great number of the brethren.

The absents not excused are Mr. William Henderson, James Chrystie, John Cunynghame, James Johnstoun, Walter Stewart, George Colquhoun, John Trotter, Hugh Wallace, and James Carnegie, who are ordained to pay a fine of one shilling sterling to Edward Nisbet, the officer.

The brethren appointed to visit Thomson Dickson reported that he was recovered of his sickness, and able to subscribe letters; and that he gave them a note of two of his servants whom he intended to employ in writing his letters, etc., to the signet, whom he promised to cause enter their handwriting in the keeper's book in due form.

The commissioners therefore give licence to the said Thomas to subscribe precepts, etc., that shall be written by his said servants.

The treasurer reported that he had obtained bond of corroboration granted by Sir William Baillie and Sir Adam Blair of Lochwood, referred to under minute of 10th July.

The treasurer reported that he had lent out of the box 100 merks to the late Harie Stewart, natural son of the deceased John, Earl of Carrick, who, with his cautioner, Mr. John Henriesone, one of the ordinary macers before the lords of

secret council and exchequer, gave bond therefor; the commissioners approve of the transaction, and ordain the treasurer to speak to the said Mr. John Henrieson, cautioner, for payment or security of the said sum.

The treasurer reported that he had given three rex dollars furth of the box, to Jonnet Andersone, relict of Robert Alexander, writer to the signet, "for her help and supplie in her lying of childbed of her posthume child borne be her since her husband's death, and for her baptizeing thereof." Also that he had given furth of the box to William Ros, W.S., £16, for his "depursements" in leading an apprising at the treasurer's instance against Robert Pringle, for debt due to the box; also that he, the treasurer, "had bocht ane box with lockes and bands for the use of the calling, at the sight of the keiper of his majestie's signet, and that he had payed therefoire fourtie two punds two schillings," all which the meeting approved as "being for pious and necessar uses."

In reference to a supplication presented by John and Alexander Alexander, "poore children of the deceist Robert Alexander, wryter to his majestie's signet, craveing for the said John Alexander some charitie furth of the saids wryters ther box for payment of his prenteis fie promittit with him to ane tailzeour in Edinburgh, with whom he wes bound prenteis," and also craving for the said Alexander some supply for his maintenance, the commissioners and brethren ordain Mr. David Watsons, Mr. William Thomson, and Mr. James Keith, "to indent and aggrie with the said tailzeour," and to pay the prentice fee; and the same three brethren to "visit the conditione" of the said Alexander, and report to next meeting.

The treasurer is ordained to give to Patrick Eviot, messenger in Edinburgh, one rex dollar, for executing a summons at the instance of the members of the college of justice against the magistrates and council of Edinburgh for declaring the right and privilege of the college of justice.

4th NOVEMBER. Sederunt, Mr. William Sharp, keeper of the signet, James Allane, John Cunynghame, Mr. David Watsons, Hugh Patersons, Mr. Robert Hamiltoun.

The treasurer reported that he had registered the bond granted by the late Harie Stewart as principal, and Mr. John Henrysone, and the late Edward Dagney, glassmaker in Leith, as cautioners, for 100 merks, and thereupon raised letters of hornung, and charged the said Mr. John therewith, who desired the charge might be continued; the treasurer and Mr. Robert Hamiltoun are appointed to speak with the said Mr. John Henrysone for payment, and to intimate that he should be denounced if he failed.

George Colquhoun and Patrick Donne to be warned to next meeting for breaking the rules.

9th DECEMBER. The meeting being general, absents are fined in one shilling sterling, to be paid to the officer.

The treasurer and Mr. William Thomson reported that they had indented and agreed with "Gavin Sangster, tailzeour and freeman in the Cannogaitheid anent the binding of John Alexander," lawful son of the late Robert Alexander, W.S., and paid to the said Gavin the sum of £50 Scots of prentice fee. Approved.

The treasurer reported that he had received from Sir William Baillie the bond of corroboration for 1000 merks formerly mentioned, and his diligence is approved.

In reference to the bond granted by the late Harie Stewart, Mr. John Henrysone, macer, the surviving cautioner, now offered to pay the principal sum of 100 merks, which offer was accepted.

Mr. David Watson, treasurer, is ordered "to pay for the chist and winding sheit and remanent expenses of the funerall and buriall of umquhill Marion Cuninghame, relict of umquhill William Neilsone, wryter to his majestie's signet, ane poore old pensioner who wes in use these many yeires bygone to receave ane pensione" out of the box.

In reference to the supplication of Alexander Alexander, youngest son of the late Robert Alexander, writer to the signet, "ane poor young orphan of six yeires or thereby," the treasurer is ordained to give to John Harper, "cordoner" in Edinburgh, "who has the keeping of the poor chylde," the sum of five merks monthly for his "entertainment" during the space of six months from 1st November last, and also to give one shilling sterling quarterly during the same space "to pay his quarter payment at the school," and to give to the said John Harper "something" to buy clothes to the said pupil.

Thomas Dickson having petitioned the commissioners and brethren, to be allowed to employ more servants, as he had "bot on," James Allan, John Muir, and George Sibbald are ordained to visit the supplicant, and to "tak up from him the name of any unfrie servand or prenteis whom he intends to employ," in order to have the same booked, and the name of the former servant, who had left his service, to be deleted.

16th DECEMBER. The treasurer reported that he had paid for the burial of Marion Cuninghame, aforementioned, the sum of £9, 16s. 8d., and for clothes to Alexander Alexander, the sum of £3, and for his maintenance had paid to John Harper, conform to the warrant formerly given; all which are approved.

Alexander Leslie is received as a commissioner upon the appointment of John, Earl of Lauderdale, secretary.

The treasurer reported that David Piter, writer in Edinburgh, had "gotten up ane discharge on trust," granted by the commissioners (for 200 merks), due by the late Mr. James Farquharson to the box; and because the treasurer denied having ever received the money, the commissioners appoint three of their number to speak with the said David Piter, and to inquire to whom he paid the amount, and from whom he got the discharge; and in the event of his refusing to satisfy them thereupon, to speak to the lord register, his master.

(A note on the margin, dated 9th November 1668, intimates that the discharge having been produced before the commissioners, the treasurer was satisfied therewith, and was "content to be comptable" for the money.)

The treasurer is ordained to receive from Mr. Alexander Foulis of Ratho, £100 bequeathed by the deceased Michael Melvill, writer, to the box.

George Dallas, fiscal to "the calling," having complained against Patrick Donn, W.S., for owning Robert Muschet as his servant, although he was actual servant to Walter Ewing, and was writing in his chamber, the said Patrick denied the charge, and the fiscal having referred it to his oath, the commissioners "continue" the taking of his oath till next meeting.

Complaint by the fiscal against George Colquhoun, for writing a precept of apprising of the lands of Dudington, in favour of the Lord Dunkeld, on a signature

written by John Cuninghame, W.S., contrary to the acts; the said George declared he knew nothing of the writing of the precept, which was written in his absence by Mr. Robert Urie, his servant, by desire of Mr. Hugh Maxwell, agent, who was content to satisfy John Cuninghame therefor, and offered him a rex dollar, which the said John willed him to give to the treasurer for the use of the poor. The commissioners assoilzie Colquhoun, and empower the treasurer to uplift the rex dollar.

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6th JANUARY. A general meeting; absents fined in one shilling sterling, payable to the officer, and their writs to be stopped until payment is made.

On the supplication of William Carmichael, son of the late Mr. Alexander Carmichael, W.S., "ane poor zong orphan," the treasurer is ordered to pay three pounds Scots monthly until the first of June next, to Andrew Martine, writer, by whom the supplication was presented, to be employed for behoof of the said orphan.

James Allan, Mr. Robert Hamilton, and Mr. William Thomsone, are appointed to revise the "register book" of the writers to his majesty's signet, anent all acts therein set down for the payment of 10 merks by the prentices and servants to the box, and anent the booking of them, and what shall be paid to the clerk therefor; and to "cognosce and consider" what is deficient in the said acts, and how they may be rectified; and to report to next meeting.

The question being "proponed" by one of the brethren, "whether it wer lauffull to raise inhibitionne and arreistment on ane simple depending summonses of reductione, quherin ther wes nothing concludit tucheing the decerning of the defenderes to pay any soume or performe any deid," the commissioners desire the whole brethren "to tak the said questione to ther serious consideratione," and to give their opinions thereon at next meeting.

The treasurer is appointed to deliver to Walter Cunynghame, keeper of the parliament house, a rex dollar, and to George Hay, his servant, a shilling sterling, for their pains and service at the meetings of the writers.

3d FEBRUARY. George Dallas resigns the office of fiscal, and is desired by the commissioners to give in a list "of some brether whom he conceaved meet to be listed," of whom one should be chosen to the vacant office.

Mr. Robert Hamiltoun resigns the office of clerk to the calling, and is continued until another should be elected.

9th MARCH. Mr. David Watson, Hugh Patersone, and Mr. Robert Hamiltoun are appointed to revise the accounts of James Allan, former treasurer.

9th MAY. Admission of Mr. James Weir, son of the late James Weir, "tenementar," burgess of Hamiltoun, and late servant to the deceased John Sempill, W.S.

13th JUNE. Complaint is given in by William Zeman, advocate, against Mr. James Cheyne, W.S., for writing a bill and letters of horning at the instance of Mr. Patrick Oliphant, advocate, against the complainer, Mr. George Oliphant,

possessor of the manor place, houses and yards of the Newtown, and Sir Gilbert Stewart, sheriff depute of Perth, where the lands lie—upon a pretended act or interloquitor by the lords of session for reponing the said Mr. Patrick Oliphant, against a decreet obtained at the instance of the said William Zeman against the said Mr. Patrick, ordaining them to debate, as if they were in a reduction, and assigning a day for that effect to both parties, and in the meantime continuing the matter; by which bill and letters the said Mr. James Cheyne has concluded to charge the complainers to repon the said Mr. Patrick to the possession of the lands and estate of Newtown. After hearing the complaint, and “the richts reasones and allegatiounes” of both the parties, and the said Mr. James Cheyne having denied subscribing the letters, the commissioners ordain the complainer to produce at next diet of the meeting the said bill and principal act for proving the complaint.

9th NOVEMBER. Mr. David Watsone, treasurer, intimated that he had “given furth” of the box at the desire of Mr. William Sharp, keeper of his majesty’s signet, “to James Hog, writer in Edinburgh, ane poore and indigent sicklie man in his necessitie and great distress, tuo rex dollars,” and also, at the desire of the said keeper, to Easter Alexander, daughter of the late Robert Alexander, writer to the signet, “ane poore sicke woman, in hir great necessitie and distress, ane rex dollar.” And also, at the desire of the commissioners, he had paid for George Neill, son of the late Robert Neill, writer to the signet, “to John Tailzeowr, tayliowr, burgess of the Cannagaite,” the sum of £50 Scots in name of prentice fee, conform to the indentures passed betuixt the said John Tayliowr on one part, and the said George Neill, with consent of Isobell Measlet, his mother, and of Robert Veitche, brother to Sir John Veitche of Dawick, now her husband, and the said Mr. David Watsone, on the other part, of date the 12th of February 1668: all which payments are approved by the commissioners, who also ordain the said Mr. David to pay other three rex dollars to the said James Hog in his necessity: and they ordain three of their number to speak to Sir Robert Sinclair, advocate, dean of faculty, anent the said James Hog, representing that he had several times received charity out of the writers’ box, and that as he had been servant to divers advocates when he was in health, they might afford him some supply out of the advocates’ box.

The pension of £24 Scots yearly, which was granted before to the said Isobell Measlet, is now discharged for any bygones since Candlemas last and in time coming.

Robert Hay and Hugh Paterson are appointed to revise the accounts of James Allan, their former treasurer. The same two, with James Allan, are appointed to revise the accounts of Mr. David Watsone, present treasurer.

23d NOVEMBER. Complaint is given in by William Zeman, advocate, against Mr. William Gordowne, and John Alexander, younger, writers to the signet, for giving in a bill for reponing Mr. Patrick Oliphant to the possession of the estate of Newtown, a pretended act (as mentioned in the minute of 13th June). John Alexander having acknowledged the offence, is fined in £20 Scots; and Mr. William Gordowne, having admitted that he subscribed the letters inadvertently, is fined in £40 Scots, and suspended from office during the commissioners’ pleasure.

The complaint against Mr. James Cheyne in the said matters being also considered, the letters complained of are found to be “unformall,” but Mr. James denied that he subscribed them.

On supplication by Alexander Alexander, youngest son of the deceased Robert Alexander, "ane poore young orphan," the treasurer is ordered to pay to Jean Ramsay, wife of John Harper, "cordoner" in Edinburgh, who has the keeping of the "said poore childe" one rex dollar monthly from 1st November instant, to 1st April next.

On supplication by Isobell Carmichaell, relict of Peter Barbour, W.S., "ane aged infirme and poore woman," the treasurer is ordered to pay one rex dollar monthly out of the box, for her "supplie" with her "poore fatherles childrene," during the pleasure of the commissioners.

Complaint at the instance of Robert Dickson and Eales Miller, his mother, sometime in Clerkington, and now at Eastbridge of Auchindenny, against John Trotter, W.S., for "forming and subscryving" of letters of horning and poinding at the instance of Alexander Bothwell, younger of Glencors, against the complainers, upon a pretended minute of tack betwixt the parties "for the roume and mailling of Easterbridge." The commissioners find the letters "to be unformallie and unwarrantable raised," and defer censure upon the said John Trotter until the next meeting.

26th NOVEMBER. Admission of Nicoll Hardie, son of the late Robert Hardie, burghess of Edinburgh, and late prentice and servant to John Muire, W.S.

7th DECEMBER. Mr. William Gordon is reponed upon his supplication.

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17th JUNE. Edward Nisbet, officer, is ordained to take up a full list of the prentices and servants of the writers, attested by their masters, and to be delivered to the keeper of the signet.

29th OCTOBER. Mr. William Sharpe, keeper of the signet, reported concerning a signature written by Mr. William Clarke, advocate, and sent up in haste to Whitehall, to be superscribed by his majesty in favour of Sir William Ker of Haddine, Kt., director of chancery, containing a gift to him of some debatable lands on the borders of Scotland; and having been superscribed by the king, and passed in exchequer, was presented to Mr. David Watstone, writer to the signet, and one of their commissioners, for writing and drawing forth of a precept thereupon, which the said Mr. David refused to do, in regard that the signature was not written by one of his own servants nor by a writer to the signet, without the warrant of the commissioners had and obtained for that effect. The commissioners, considering that the signature was formed by advice of advocates, in a sudden manner, and was sent to court with some expedition, for obtaining his majesty's superscription, the matter requiring some more than ordinary despatch, and that it was in favour of the director of his majesty's chancery, do therefore give warrant to the said Mr. David for writing the precept thereupon, and pass simpliciter from any censure that may or can be used against him therefor.

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11th MARCH. Sederunt, Sir William Sharpe, keeper of the signet, James Allane, John Cunynghame, Mr. David Watstone, Mr. Robert Hamiltoune.

Admission of Robert Carnegie, son of Sir Alexander Carnegie of Pittarrow, Knight, and late prentice to James Allan, W.S.

16th MARCH. Sederunt, Sir William Sharp, keeper of the signet, Mr. Alexander Hamilton, Robert Hay, John Cunynghame, Mr. David Watstone, Hugh Paterson, Mr. Robert Hamilton.

Admission of Mr. James Cunynghame, son of the deceased Mr. James Cunynghame in Alloway, and late prentice and servant to John Cunynghame, W.S.

17th NOVEMBER. Mr. David Watson, treasurer, is ordained to give assignation to Patrick Thomson, merchant, burgess of Stirling, of 600 merks, contained in bond granted by Mr. John Livingstoun, M.D., and Mr. William Livingstoun, writer in Edinburgh, his brother-german, to the said Mr. David and his successors; and to discharge the said Mr. John and Mr. William Livingstoun, thereof; and to accept bond from the said Patrick Thomson, James Thomson, merchant, burgess of Kirkcaldy, his eldest brother, and Robert Gib, merchant, burgess of Stirling, for the said sum, at the yearly interest of £24.

1671.

4th JANUARY. Admission of Mr. William Innes, son of William Innes of Tibbertie, late prentice and servant to the deceased Robert Alexander, and thereafter servant to the deceased William Chalmer, and Mr. James Cheyne.

The commissioners suspend John Hamiltoun, W.S., for having been long absent from Edinburgh, and not attending his chamber.

Hugh Wallace, writer to the signet, is appointed procurator-fiscal to the "whole calling."

26th JANUARY. Admission of John M'Pherson, son of Dowgall M'Pherson of Powrie, late prentice and servant to John Cunynghame.

Admission of Alexander Aikinheid, son of the deceased David Aikinheid, writer in Edinburgh, late prentice and servant to the deceased James Chrystie.

30th JANUARY. Archibald Marshall is suspended for subscribing letters to unfreemen.

Mr. James Cheyne is suspended for the same offence.

Mr. William Guthrie is suspended for the same offence.

Warrant is given to James Allan to subscribe letters for Mr. James Cheyne, during the time of his suspension.

6th FEBRUARY. Mr. James Cheyne is continued under suspension, his case being still under trial.

Mr. William Henryson, being complained against for subscribing letters written by common agents, is ordained to give up a true list of his servants.

Mr. William Guthrie, craving to be reponed, is continued under suspension, and Mr. David Watson is discharged to subscribe any letters for him in the meantime.

George Colquhoun is suspended for transgressing the acts.

Mr. James Weir, having been complained against by the fiscal, and duly warned to compear before the commissioners, sent "his missive letter of excuse" to Sir William Sharpe, keeper of the signet; for which he is fined in a leg-dollar, and his letters stopped.

Mr. William Gordoun, being complained against for subscribing letters to agents, etc., denies the charge, and is ordered to give up a list of his servants and prentices.

Mr. James Keith, complained against on the same account, his case is continued.

Patrick Don, complained against for the same fault, and having denied the charge, is ordered to give up a list of his servants and prentices.

Complaint against John Alexander, younger, for similar faults, is denied.

Complaint against Mr. Archibald Menzies, denied. He is ordained to be ready in eight days to give his oath thereupon, and in the meantime to give up a list of his prentices and servants, which he did at once.

13th FEBRUARY. John Trotter's letters are stopped until he give up a list of his "oune true, actuall and reall servands and prenteissis."

George Dallas, complained against for the same fault, is ordained to give up a list of his servants and apprentices.

James Johnston, for the same complaint, is ordered in like manner.

Nicol Hardie, the same.

John Kennedy, for the same fault, is suspended.

Andrew Aikman, for the same complaint, is ordered to give up a list as usual.

James Peiter, is ordered in like manner.

John Alexander, the same.

Mr. James Weir, the same.

Mr. James Cheyne reponed.

Mr. Robert Hamilton is empowered to subscribe for suspended brethren.

Ester Alexander, only surviving child of the late Robert Alexander, W.S., "ane sicklie poore indigent woman, unable to goe to service or to act any thing for her lyvlihood," craving some supply, is allowed two rex dollars.

23d FEBRUARY. George Colquhoun and Mr. William Guthrie give up lists of their servants.

John Kennedy, having confessed his fault, is reponed.

29th MARCH. Andrew Young, complained against for unwarrantably writing letters of horning, is fined in five leg-dollars.

The same Andrew Young being complained against for accepting the office of clerk to the "Chirurgians" of Edinburgh, contrary to "the acts of the calling," made in 1594 and in 1613, and ratified on 1st February 1664; and a former instance being cited against him, of his "seekeing to procure to himself the clerkship of the wrights and meassones of the said burgh," he is required to answer to the complaint at next meeting.

Archibald Marshall is reponed, and gave up the names of Robert Wallace and George Sinclair as his actual servants.

Reponed writers are ordained to pay half a rex dollar to the officer.

25th APRIL. Andrew Young appeared to answer to the complaint against him, and alleged that the deceased Anton Whyt had been clerk to the chirurgians until 1619, when the deceased Thomas Edzer was elected to that office. The commissioners thereupon appointed James Allane, and Hugh Patersone, two of their number, with Hugh Wallace, procurator-fiscal, to confer with the said Andrew, and to receive his answer "in writt" and "to tak ane view and inspectioun of the said chirurgians there books and registers schewing whether any wryters to the signet wer clerks to the saide chirurgians," and to report.

The letters of Mr. William Henryson are ordered to be stopped, for his not compearing upon citation to answer to a complaint by the fiscal.

2d MAY. In reference to the complaint against Andrew Young, it was reported that the books of the chirurgians of Edinburgh showed that Anton Whyte, writer to the signet, was clerk to that society for some years previous to 1619; but the reporters were informed that he demitted the said office on being ordained to do so by the commissioners of the writers for the time, "as it was licklie and probable in regairde he lived untill the yeare of God 1634," and continued to exercise his office of writing to the signet: and that Thomas Edzer was clerk to the chirurgians from 1619 to 1631 or 1632, during which time he was not a writer to the signet, "bot onlie ane commoun notar," and servitor to the late Mathew Cunynghame, writer: but having been admitted as writer to the signet after his master's death, he "changed the way of wryting of his surname from Edzer to Edgar, and immediately efter his admissioun foresaid he dimitted his office of clerkschipe to the chirurgians." The process is continued to next meeting.

22d JUNE. The treasurer reported that he had uplifted 600 merks from Patrick Thomson, merchant, burgess of Stirling, due by bond granted by him and James Thomson, merchant, burgess of Kirkcaldy, his eldest brother, and Robert Gib, merchant, burgess of Stirling. The commissioners approve of the treasurer's action, and recommend him to lend out the money for the use of the poor of the calling.

29th JUNE. John Hamilton is reponed, having promised to give up a true list of his prentices and servants, which is given in thus:—Mr. Robert Urie, James Somerville, John Wilson.

On supplication by Allan Logan, formerly "refused to be accepted," in the list of George Colquhoun's servants, he is allowed to write in the chamber of the said George as his servant.

Nicol Hardie, complained upon for subscribing letters written by Robert Inglis and James Tailziefeir, servants to Mr. William Hamilton, agent, having denied the charge, is acquitted.

Alexander Aikenhead is acquitted from a similar charge.

6th JULY. It is enacted "that in all tyme comeing no persone to be admitted to examinatioun and tryall [for admission as writers to the signet] bote such as sall

then instruct by indenters that they have served foure yeares as prenteis and servand with ane wryter to the signet, and who have not encroached upon the priviledges of the calling by takeing up and keiping of wryting chambers before the obtaineing from my lord secretarie of their commissioun: and that the tyme of examinatioun and tryall of all intrant wryters in tyme coming shall only be in the vacance tyme and winter sessioun, and at no other tyme: and for the more exact and solemne maner of examinatioun and tryall of the abilities and qualificatiouns of all intrant wryters in tyme coming, it is enacted and ordained that the number of examiners shall be three of the commissioners at the fewest, or more as they shall appoynt, which examiners when they are named shall be obliged to accept, and to proceede impartiallie in the examinatioun and tryall; and that there shall be at least two severall dyets of examination to be holden *per vices* in the examiners chambers; at the first of which dyets the persone concerned is to be examined upon lettres and summonds, signators and precepts of all sorts that passe the signet; and the second dyet upon the formes and natures of all sorts of securities; and that the whole examiners or three at least be present at all the dyets, and that they putt the pairtie to answer their queres, and to the drawing and forming of any writt or paper, charter or precept in Latine that they shall prescrive if they think it expedient, which he is instantlie to perform in their presence under his hand; and the saids dyets of examination being elapsed, then the pairtie examined is to desyre a meeting of the keeper and whole commissioner, at which meeting the examiners are to report the procedor of their examinations under their hands, to be considered by the whole commissioner; and if the whole commissioner, or major part of them, shall find that the pairtie so examined hes in any good measure acquit himself, then they shall by pluralitie of voyces either admitt or reject the pairtie so examined as they shall see cause; and this maner of examinatioun and admissioun the keeper and commissioner ordaine to be duellie observed in all tyme comeing, and that everie wryter who shall be admitted in tyme comeing be obliged to pay fourtie merks Scots money to the poores box, and twentie merks money foresaid to the clerk.

16th AUGUST. Admission of Mr. Francis Thomsone, son of the deceased William Thomsone, portioner of Angustoun, and lately servant to Mr. William Thomson, writer to the signet, his brother-german.

Admission of Henry Moresone, eldest son of the deceased John Moresone, merchant, burgess of Edinburgh, and lately servant to James Allane, W.S.

Admission of James Hay, son of the deceased Mr. David Hay of Woodcokdaill, lately prentice and servant to Mr. William Charters and John Kennedie, W.S.

Admission of Mr. James Elphingstoun, son of William Elphingstoun of Ressaviot, and lately prentice and servant to Mr. Archibald Nisbet.

5th SEPTEMBER. Admission of James Charteris, son of the deceased William Charteris of Auchinstrowan, and lately prentice and servant to John Alexander, elder, W.S.

3d OCTOBER. Admission of John Loutfoot, son of the deceased John Loutfoot, burgess of Edinburgh, and lately prentice and servant to the deceased George Sibbald.

20th NOVEMBER. Admission of Mr. Hugh Monro, lately prentice and servant to James Peter.

Admission of Harie Grahame, late prentice and servant to Mr. William Thomsone.

21st DECEMBER. Admission of Robert Burnet, eldest son of the late Gawin Burnet, writer to the signet, and lately prentice and servant to the deceased John Trotter, W.S.

1672.

24th JULY. Sederunt, Sir William Sharpe, keeper of his majesty's signet, Robert Hay, James Allan, Mr. David Watsone, Heugh Patersone, Mr. Robert Hamiltoun.

Admission of Mr. Thomas Gordone, eldest son of Mr. James Gordone of Buthlay, and lately prentice and servant to the deceased Mr. Alexander Hamiltoun, W.S.

18th NOVEMBER. Mr. William Henryson is suspended for writing letters to the signet for agents and unfreemen.

John Hamilton suspended for similar fault.

Mr. William Guthrie suspended for similar fault.

Archibald Marshall warned for the same fault.

Mr. James Cheyne being complained upon for the same fault, his letters are ordered to be stopped until "he make his appeirance" to answer for his transgressions.

25th NOVEMBER. Admission of James Stewart, son of the deceased John Stewart of Fongorth, lately prentice and servant to Mr. William Guthrie.

On supplication presented by Mr. John Lyon, mentioning that he had served the late Alexander Leslie, W.S., for ten years, and had now obtained a commission from his majesty's secretary for admitting to the office of writer to the signet, although he had no indentures of apprenticeship, the commissioners dispense with the want of indentures in his case, and ordain him to be examined.

2d DECEMBER. Admission of the said Mr. John Lyon.

Mr. William Henryson, compearing and acknowledging his fault, is reponed.

John Hamilton is reponed in like manner.

Mr. William Guthrie is likewise reponed.

9th DECEMBER. Sederunt, Sir William Scharpe, keeper of the signet, Robert Hay, James Allane, Mr. David Watsone, Hugh Patersone, and Mr. Robert Hamiltone.

Admission of William Panton, son of the deceased James Panton of Blackhouse, and late prentice and servant to Mr. James Cheyne.

30th DECEMBER. Admission of James Scott, son of the late Sir William Scott of Clerkingtoun, Knight, and late prentice to James Allan.

On supplication by Ester Alexander, "only lawfull daughter and chyld of the first marriage of the deceast Robert Alexander, wryter to his majesties signet, ane sicklie poore indigent woman, unable to goe to service or to act anything for her livlyhood (as appeired)" the commissioners allowed her ten merks furth of the box.

1673.

13th JANUARY. Admission of Alexander Chaplane, eldest son of the deceased Robert Chaplane, clerk depute in Dundee, and late servant with Mr. James Cheyne, his want of indentures being dispensed with.

26th JUNE. Complaint of Charles Carse, sometime of Fordell, and Sir Mark Carse of Cokpen, Knight, as parties, and Hugh Wallace, procurator-fiscal, against Mr. William Henrysone, narrating that the said Charles Carse, being charged by letters of horning subscribed by the said Mr. William, and raised at the instance of Thomas Winderlie of London, merchant, for payment of £400 sterling, as principal, and £30 of expenses, in terms of bond alleged to be granted by the said Charles, of date 1st September 1669, and registered in the books of council and session 7th September 1671; and that the said Charles obtained suspension from the Lords of council and session of the said charge, by finding James Stamfield, merchant, burgess of Edinburgh, cautioner, to whom the said Sir Mark granted his bond of relief,—which letters were unwarrantably raised because the said bond contained the provision that the said Thomas Winderlie, before receiving payment of the said amount, or interest, or using execution for that effect, should grant security to John Winderlie, his son, procreated betwixt him and Anna Carse, sister to the said Charles, now deceased, that the money should belong to the said John on his attaining to the age of 21 years, the sufficiency of the security to be decided by Anthonie Knichtbridge and Creswell Levine, both of Grayes Inn, or either of them, notwithstanding which provision the said Mr. William Henrysone had raised the letters without the production of any writ bearing that such security had been offered; and the complainers having compeared and produced before the commissioners an extract of the aforesaid bond, and Mr. William Henrysone having confessed that he wrote the said letters without any bill or document clearing the said provision, the commissioners do find the letters to be “informallie raised upon the said bond,” and suspend the said Mr. William Henrysone from his office during the pleasure of the keeper of the signet.

On supplication by Alexander Greg, writer in Edinburgh, some time prentice and servant to the late George Watson, “ane aged poore man,” he is allowed £20 Scots from the box.

Janet Couper, daughter of the late Andrew Couper, W.S., “ane aged poore woman, and weaklie in her eyes, unable to work or act anything for her lyvelihood,” is allowed 20 merks from the box.

21st OCTOBER. Admission of Mr. Robert Murray, eldest son of the late John Murray, merchant, burgess of Edinburgh, and late prentice and servant to Mr. William Thomsons.

27th NOVEMBER. Admission of Mr. Alexander Home, son of John Home of Manderston, and late prentice and servant to Mr. William Cheislie.

29th NOVEMBER. Admission of James Lambie, writer in Edinburgh, late prentice and servant to the deceased Robert Alexander.

Admission of Robert Kyle (or Keill), writer in Edinburgh, late prentice and servant to James Carnagie.

Admission of Robert Bell, late prentice and servant to the deceased Patrick Don. James Whyte, lawful son of the late Antonie Whyte, "ane aged poor man," is allowed 50 merks.

24th DECEMBER. Admission of William Hoge, late servant to the deceased John Wilkie.

1674.

19th FEBRUARY. The treasurer receives warrant to uplift 1000 merks due for the use of the poor from Sir Peter Wedderburne of Gosfoord, and to lend the same to Mr. James Chrystie of Stenton, upon his bond.

4th JUNE. Admission of John Campbell, late prentice and servant to the late Richard Guthrie.

Admission of Alexander Ord, late prentice and servant to the late Richard Guthrie.

Isobell Garvie, relict of William Chalmer, W.S., receives £20 from the box, being "ane distrest and poore indigent widdow."

John Gilbert, writer, and sometime prentice to the late James Wilsone, "ane poore sicklie man, haveing the perrills in his head and other infirmities of his bodie," is allowed £20 from the box.

23d JULY. Sederunt, Sir William Sharp, keeper of the signet, John Cunyng-hame, Robert Hay, Mr. David Watson, Hugh Paterson, Mr. Robert Hamiltoun.

Admission of Mr. John Semple, late servant to the deceased John Semple, and afterwards to the deceased Walter Ewing, writers to the signet.

30th NOVEMBER. Mr. David Watson, treasurer, having reported that he had lent to Mr. James Aikenhead of Whytehouse, one of the commissioners of Edinburgh, Mr. William Castellaw, son of the deceased William Castellaw, apothecary, burgess of Edinburgh, and Alexander Aikenhead, W.S., the sum of 1000 merks, pertaining to the poor of the calling, which sum was formerly in the hands of Mr. James Chrystie of Stentoun, the commissioners ratify and approve of the transaction.

Complaint by Hugh Paterson, writer to the signet, against John Hamilton, writer to the signet, "mentioning that where albeit it be expreslie ordered and appoynted that none bot commissioners and their assistants subscryve for any writer, and that none subscryve for another without a written warrant, yet it is of veritie that the said John Hamiltoun, being none of these that hes power to subscryve for any wryter, and haveing no warrand or desyre either be word or writt from the said Hugh Paterson, yea, not so much as from any servant of his, hes most grosselie contraveined the said act, and prejudged and affronted the said Hugh, in subscryveing as for him lettres of horning, that he himself had refused and directed to be transcryved and amended, in so far as there being bill and lettres of horning written at Alexander Bell's instance, in the said Hugh Paterson his chamber, by James Ramsay, a prenteis of his upon a decreit of suspension, and the extract of the bond of cautionrie against ane John Kincade, and the said Hugh, when they wer offered

to his hand observing that they wer wrong as being against the attester as well as the cautioner, did refuse to subserve them, and commanded his servant to writt them over onlie against the suspender and the cautioner, which while he wes doing, the said Alexander Bell in the said Hugh Paterson his absence caught up the bill and letters from his servant under pretence to let the lord president see them, and insteade therof, procured the said John Hamiltouns hand to them, efter what way and maner the said Hugh desyred the saids commissioners to enquire; and seing the attester who wes charged with the said horneing hes complained of the said Hugh to the lords as if there had been ane contrivance in it, the said Hugh Paterson humblie desyred that the saids commissioners would vindicate his innocence, and tak such course with the said John Hamiltons malversation as the cause requyred."

Parties being heard, and the said John Hamilton acknowledging that he had subscribed the said letters at the request of the said Alexander Bell, without reading them, the commissioners appoint James Allan and Mr. Robert Hamiltoun to examine Hugh Paterson's servants, and to report.

On supplication by James Hog, late servant to the deceased Mr. Laurence Oliphant, advocate, "ane poor indigent and sicklie man," with wife and children, the treasurer is authorised to pay to him £10 out of the box.

1675.

6th AUGUST. Admission of William Menzies of Raw, sometime prentice and servant to Mr. William Cheislie, W.S.

The treasurer is allowed to assign to William Yeaman, advocate, a bond granted by James Montgomerie, merchant, burgess of Edinburgh, Andrew Scott, stationer, burgess thereof, and the said William Yeaman, to the treasurer, for the use of the poor of the calling, containing 500 merks, to the effect that the said William may seek his relief from the other granters, and to accept of a new bond for the said principal sum, and to be granted by the said assignee, and Arthur Straton, elder, writer in Edinburgh.

30th NOVEMBER. Admission of George M'Kenzie, writer in Edinburgh, formerly prentice and servant to Mr. John Bayne.

Admission of William Russell, lately servant to the deceased Alexander Leslie.

1676.

9th MARCH. Sir William Scharpe, keeper of the signet, or Mr. Robert Hamilton, W.S., or both of them, conjunctly or severally, are appointed to meet with those of the lords of council and session, and advocates, appointed for the same purpose, for the examination of a professor of humanity in the College of Edinburgh.

18th DECEMBER. Admission of Mr. Robert Richardson, lately prentice and servant to Hugh Paterson.

21st DECEMBER. Hugh Wallace, John Mure, and George Dallas, writers to the signet, are ordained to be cited for "exercesing of the office of agents, contrare the acts of the calling."

A list ordered to be made of all who keep public chambers in the burgh of Edinburgh, either as notaries or unfreemen that have not taken the act of regulation.

All writers to the signet not admitted as notaries public, to be warned to the next meeting "for exerceing of there office of wryting to the signet, they not being public notars."

The commissioners ordain their meeting to be monthly at the signet chamber on Monday.

Edward Nisbet, officer, is ordained to go through the chambers of the writers, and to make a list of their servants and prentices, attested by the writers; the list to be delivered to the keeper of the signet, that all such as have not paid their fees may do so.

James Whyte, son of the late Antonie Whyte, W.S., "ane aged poore man," is allowed 50 merks.

Esther Alexander, only child of the late Robert Alexander, "ane sicklie poore indigent woman," is allowed £20.

John Gilbert, writer, sometime prentice to the late James Wilson, "ane aged poore sicklie man having the paralysis in his head, and other infirmities in his body, unable to act or doe anything for his lyveliehood," is allowed £20.

1677.

22d JANUARY. The roll being called, absent brethren without excuse, are fined in half a rex dollar, and their letters to be stopped until payment. Their names are: John Hamilton, John Mure, Mr. James Keith, Mr. James Elphinstone, James Charters, and James Scott, transgressors of the "act of the calling" made on 22d January 1666, to be pursued before the commissioners.

The brethren are ordained to meet in the parliament or new session house, at such time as they shall be warned thereto by the officer, at the direction of the keeper of the signet.

The first meeting is appointed to be on the first Monday of February next.

The treasurer is authorised to pay to Walter Cuninghame, keeper of the parliament house, the sum of £12 for "his paines and service" in attending on their meetings there.

17th APRIL. The treasurer having reported that he had 900 merks uplifted by him from the prentices and servants, ready to be lent on security, and that Alexander Gordoun of Earlstoun, William Cleland of Fascan, and Mr. John Baillie of Carphin, desired to borrow the same, the commissioners authorise him to do so.

7th JUNE. On supplication by Margaret Watson, daughter of the late George Watson, W.S., the sum of £12 is allowed from the box for the funeral expenses of Katherine Nisbet, her mother.

Testimony subscribed by the commissioners in favour of Mr. Robert Richardson, W.S., that "for ought they ever heard or knew," he was a person of entire fame: dated 19th July 1677.

1678.

5th JANUARY. Admission of Robert Watson, lately prentice and servant to Mr. William Cheislie, W.S.

14th FEBRUARY. Absent-brethren, not excused, are fined in a rex dollar each, viz.: Andrew Young, Mr. Archibald Nisbet, Mr. James Keith, Mr. William Gibsoun, Mr. James Weir, Nicoll Hardie, Mr. James Elphinstone, James Charters, Mr. Thomas Gordon, William Hog, Mr. John Semple, and Mr. Robert Richardson.

Sir William Sharp, keeper of the signet, having declared that he was specially ordered by the lords of session to convene the whole writers to the signet, and to signify that the lords of privy council by their act of 11th February instant, ordained the bond therein mentioned to be offered to the lords of session to be taken by them, and had recommended to the said lords to appoint the said bond to be subscribed by all the members of the college of justice, advocates, clerks, and writers to the signet; which bond having been read, and considered, it was agreed in regard of the great importance thereof, to defer the further consideration of it until their next meeting.

18th FEBRUARY. Absents fined in one rex dollar.

Sir William Sharp having produced the "bond of regularities," ordained by the privy council to be subscribed by all the members of the college of justice, advocates, clerks, and writers to the signet, obliging them, and their "wives, bairnes and servants" not to be present at conventicles, but to live orderly, and not to reset, supply, or intercommune with ministers or vagrant preachers, but to endeavour to apprehend them; which bond having been taken into their "serious consideration," was subscribed by the "commissioners and remanent bretheren."

The treasurer is appointed to give the sum of four rex dollars to Walter Cunnyngame, keeper of the parliament house, "for his paines and service," in attending on the meetings of the brethren.

24th OCTOBER. Admission of John Hamilton, writer in Edinburgh, late prentice and servant to the deceased Mr. William Charteris, W.S.

13th NOVEMBER. Admission of Mr. Peter Arbuthnot, lately prentice and servant to Henry Grahame, W.S.

24th DECEMBER. Admission of John M'Farlane, writer in Edinburgh, lately prentice and servant to Mr. John Bayne, W.S.

1679.

21st JANUARY. Sederunt, Sir William Scharp, keeper, Robert Hay, James Allan, John Cunnyngame, Mr. David Watson, Mr. Robert Hamilton.

On supplication by James Whyte, son of the deceased Anthonie Whyte, W.S., being "ane aged poore man," £20 is allowed to him from the box.

Esther Alexander, only child of the first marriage of the late Robert Alexander,

W.S., "ane sicklie poor indigent woman unable to goe to service," is allowed 20 merks.

John Hamilton, elder, W.S., "ane aged sicklie indigent man, craving some supplie furth of there box," is allowed fifty merks.

9th APRIL. The commissioners appoint Sir William Scharpe, keeper, or Mr. Robert Hamilton, to be commissioner for them in the examination of a professor of humanity in the College of Edinburgh.

13th JUNE. "The which day the advocates and wryters to his majesties signet, and certaine of the clerks of counsall and sessioun, being met and conveyned in the parliament house of Edinburgh be the ordour of the lords of sessioun, elected, nominat, and choysed Sir Andrew Birnie, advocat, deane of facultie, capitaine; Sir William Sharp of Stonyhill, knight, keeper of his majesties signet, leivetennant; and Mr. James Grahame, advocat, ensigne, to the colledge of justice there companie of foote to be putt out be them for his majesties service against these who have risen up in rebelloun in the West against his majestie."

20th JUNE. Hugh Wallace, W.S., is elected to the post of "ayd lievetennent," to the said company.

1680.

23d FEBRUARY. Admission of Laurence Oliphant, eldest son to Laurence Oliphant of Orchardmilne, and lately prentice and servant to the deceased William Lochart, W.S.

23d FEBRUARY. Admission of Mr. William Stirling, son of the deceased Mr. George Stirling, indweller in Glasgow, and lately prentice and servant to John Cunningham, W.S.

On report by Mr. David Watsons, treasurer, that a bond was granted by Alexander Gordon of Earlstoun, William Cleland of Fascan, and Mr. John Baillie of Carphin, conjunctly and severally to the poor of the writers to his majesty's signet, for 900 merks, dated 17th April 1677, the commissioners recommend to Sir William Scharp to deal with John, Duke of Lauderdale, his majesty's secretary, and the commissioners of the treasury, that no gift be passed of the said Alexander Gordon's "forefaultrie," for his rebellion in being with the rebels, in the West, in June last, until the said debt be paid.

"The commissioners haveing sene and considered ane accompt offered of the expenses about the foote companie of the colledge of justice, the tyme of the late rebelloun, doe recommend to Mr. David Watsons one of there number to waite upon the Lord Sawline who was then deane of facultie, and represent to his lordship that the saids commissioners find severall articles of this accompt to be very high, and they desyre to know how and where the colours and liveries mentioned in the said accompt ar secured, to be made furthcomeing when use sall be of them upon any future occasion; and to speake with his lordship as to what further was mentioned amongst them for there clearing of this mater, that upon the said Mr. David his report, they may give order for payment of the saids wryters there proportion thereof; and that the said Mr. David goe about this with all diligence, and report to them ane speedie answer."

11th MAY. Admission of Mr. Robert Innes, eldest son of the deceased Alexander Innes of Blairtoun, and lately prentice and servant to Mr. William Thomson, W.S.

7th JULY. Admission of John Marshall, writer in Edinburgh, lately prentice and servant to Andrew Aikman, W.S.

9th JULY. Admission of Andrew Acheson, writer in Edinburgh, lately prentice and servant to John Kennedy, W.S.

24th SEPTEMBER. Alexander Ord, W.S., having compeared and declared that he had subscribed letters and other writs passing the signet for Mr. David Pitcairne, an agent, written by the agent's own servant in his own chamber, and having promised faithfully to keep the acts in time coming, the commissioners, though finding him liable to deprivation, yet "upon earnest desyre," repone him to his office.

Mr. Peter Arbuthnot makes acknowledgment of a similar offence and inacts himself to observe the rules in future.

25th SEPTEMBER. Alexander Aikenhead, writer to the signet, is appointed their procurator-fiscal in room of Hugh Wallace.

Sir William Scharp, keeper of the signet, having reported a proposal in favour of the "good toun" of Edinburgh, concerning an imposition granted by his majesty upon ale and beer, in July last, and that the lords of session and the faculty of advocates had consented thereto, the "commissioners and bodie, in testimony of there respect to the good toun," do also grant their consent to the said impost.

The commissioners, upon a representation to them by Mr. David Dinmure, advocate, on behalf of the faculty of advocates, anent the payment of the expenses of the company of foot which was in arms for the college of justice, do appoint Mr. David Watson, treasurer, to pay 200 merks, as their proportion of the expenses, being one third of the whole.

22d NOVEMBER. Admission of Mr. William Hamilton, son of the deceased Archibald Hamilton of Halcraig, and lately prentice and servant to the late John Sempill, W.S.

1681.

13th JANUARY. Admission of Hugh Archibald, writer in Edinburgh, lately prentice and servant to Mr. Archibald Nisbet, W.S.

9th FEBRUARY. Admission of Mr. William Thomsone, only lawful son to Mr. William Thomsone, writer to the signet, "educat and bred with him in his airt and vocation of wryteing to his majesties signet, and who served him as ane servant therein be the space of ten years."

5th MARCH. Esther Alexander, only daughter of the deceased Robert Alexander, W.S., by Jean Cargil, his first wife, receives £20 from the box.

13th JULY. Commission by Alexander, Earl of Moray, sole secretary of state for Scotland, appointing Sir William Scharp of Stonyhill, depute keeper of his majesty's signet, for and under the said Earl; Robert Hay, James Allane, John Cunninghame, Mr. David Watson, Hugh Paterson, Mr. Robert Hamilton, Andrew Young, Mr. William Thomson, Hugh Wallace, George Dallas, James Hay, and John

Campbell to be commissioners for regulating the "calling," of the writers to the signet.

Mr. Robert Hamilton is appointed clerk to the commissioners and the calling.

James Whyte, son of the deceased Anthonie Whyte, W.S., is appointed officer to the commissioners and the whole calling.

16th SEPTEMBER. Admission of William Patoun, writer in Edinburgh, lately prentice and servant to John Cunynghame, W.S.

5th DECEMBER. Gilbert Nicolson, servitor to the keeper, is nominated as clerk (in the absence of Mr. Robert Hamilton, late clerk) for this diet and longer at the commissioners' pleasure.

The commissioners recommend to the keeper to write to the Earl of Moray, secretary, representing to him that there are standing acts against the admission of any to be writers to the signet, save such as have been actual prentices and servants to writers to the signet, and that the commissioners humbly conceive that his lordship has not known of this when he gave commissions to Mr. John Frank, and John Hamilton, on which account the commissioners have delayed to put them upon their trials until his lordship be acquainted.

Hugh Paterson, Andrew Young, George Dallas, and James Hay, are appointed to take an account of the box.

Alexander Aikenhead is continued procurator-fiscal for another year, and is required to prepare a roll of delinquents, and probation of their faults, and to cause the officer cite them to next meeting.

On supplication by James Whytt, their officer, craving some supply in regard of his age, infirmity, and necessity, the commissioners ordain Mr. David Watson to pay him £40 for his present relief and supply.

The commissioners taking into consideration the age, infirmity, and indigent condition of Edward Nisbet, their late officer, "now bedrid," do ordain the treasurer to pay him £20 from the box.

23d DECEMBER. The keeper presented to the meeting a letter directed to him from the Earl of Moray, dated at Whitehall the 13th December instant, mentioning that his lordship had received the keeper's letter of the 6th inst. with the enclosed paper from the writers, and that they may be confident his lordship will be both careful of his own and their interests, and that all due encouragement be given them, and even in what they did represent to his lordship in relation to Mr. John Frank and John Hamilton, to whom his lordship had already given his commission; but withal desiring that these two might be put to their trial, and, being found qualified, received without further delay. In obedience to which letter the commissioners appoint three of their number to try the said persons.

The treasurer is ordained to pay to John Lewis, servant to William Brown, presenter of signatures, the sum of £12 for his good service done to the society of the writers the time of the rebellion in June 1679.

1682.

2d JANUARY. Admission of Mr. John Frank, writer in Edinburgh.

Admission of John Hamilton, writer in Edinburgh, lately prentice and servant to Robert Hamilton of Presmennan, sometime writer to his majesty's signet.

The commissioners recommend to John Cuninghame, James Allane, Mr. David Watson, Hugh Paterson, Andrew Young, Mr. William Thomson, and James Hay, or any three or four of them, to consider upon fit overtures for the good of the calling, removing abuses and "advancing the stock of their box," etc.

On petition of Janet Leirmont, relict of George Sibbald, W.S., representing her poverty and necessity through several of her husband's debtors becoming bankrupt, the treasurer is empowered to pay to her £40 for her present supply, the commissioners declaring that "at a more frequent meeting," they will take her condition to further consideration.

22d JULY. Admission of William Forrester, writer in Edinburgh, lately prentice and servant to Andrew Young, W.S.

The commissioners taking to consideration the necessitous condition of Mary Guthrie, daughter of the late Richard Guthrie, and relict of William Guthrie, writers to the signet (as represented by some of the commissioners present), do allow the treasurer to pay to the said Mary Guthrie the sum of 200 merks "for buying her clothes, and otherwayes for her supplie and subsistance."

Esther Alexander, formerly mentioned, is allowed £20.

On petition of Janet Blair, widow, in Lanark, daughter of the late Gavin Blair, W.S., a sum of 50 merks is allowed to her.

11th AUGUST. Admission of Mr. David Syme, brother-german to William Syme of Easter Ogile, and lately prentice and servant to Mr. John Sym, W.S.

In consideration of the poverty of Margaret Williamson, relict of Edward Nisbet, their late officer, the treasurer is allowed to pay her out of the box, 50 merks, for defraying the funeral charges of her late husband, and her own necessity, with this provision that she do not trouble the commissioners for any further supply in time coming.

29th SEPTEMBER. Admission of Hugh Paterson, younger, writer in Edinburgh, lately prentice and servant to Hugh Paterson of Bannockburn, W.S.

3d NOVEMBER. Sederunt, the commissioners, John Cuninghame of Enterkine, Mr. David Watson of Saughtoun, Andrew Young, Hugh Wallace, John Campbell, James Hay, Robert Hay, Hugh Patersone of Bannockburne.

Hugh Paterson presented a commission, granted by Alexander, Earl of Murray, and Charles, Earl of Midletoun, dated 28th September 1682, appointing the said Hugh to be keeper of his majesty's signet, for and under them, as conjunct secretaries of state for Scotland.

The same day, the said Hugh Paterson, present keeper of the signet, represented that he had employed Robert Paterson, his brother, to serve under him at the signet office, and referred it to the commissioners if it was not fit that he should be appointed to serve them as their clerk in place of Gilbert Nicolson; whereupon the commissioners unanimously admitted the said Robert Paterson, to be their clerk during their pleasure.

The keeper presented a ratification and additional commission subscribed by the lords secretaries, and adding Mr. Thomas Gordoun, John Muir, James Johnstoun, and Mr. James Elphinstoun, to the number of the commissioners.

John Muir, Mr. James Elphinstoun, Hugh Wallace, James Johnstoun, Alexander Aikenhead, and George Dallas, are appointed a committee to revise the acts of the society, and to consider what new acts may be for the good thereof.

The commissioners ordain that in all time coming the treasurer of the society shall only continue in office for two years; and for the ensuing two years they appoint Andrew Young to be treasurer.

The former committee, with James Hay, and Mr. Thomas Gordoun, are appointed to receive, audit, and adjust the accounts of James Allan and Mr. David Watson, former treasurers.

Each prentice and servant is ordained to pay to the box ten merks.

6th NOVEMBER. A general meeting of the writers being convened by direction of the keeper in the new session house, it was unanimously agreed and enacted, as follows:—

That the under keeper of the signet, who is now their clerk, shall have and keep a register, wherein every writer to his majesty's signet shall book and record the names of their prentices and servants, conform to the act of 22d January 1666. That the clerk should have half a dollar from every prentice and servant for his pains in keeping this register, and booking them: and the officer to receive half a merk. That all the present prentices and servants shall be booked again the last day of this month; and that all who have not already paid, do pay in to the treasurer 10 merks for the use of the poor, betwixt and the last day of December next.

The treasurer being instructed to pay to Walter Cuninghame, keeper of the session house, four rex dollars, immediately did so in presence of several of the brethren.

16th NOVEMBER. The treasurer is allowed to accept from George Colquhoun, for his fine, a bond for £40 payable on demand; with a declaration that "if he demene himself weill for the futur they will not be rigorous to exact it."

11th DECEMBER. Sederunt, Bannockburn, keeper, George Dallas, John Muir, Andrew Young, James Johnstoun, Mr. David Watson, James Hay, John Cuninghame, Mr. James Elphinstoun.

The committee on the accounts are ordered to close those now produced.

The treasurer is ordained "to settle Mr. James Cheyne in some honest house quhair he may be alimanted, and this without delay."

The commissioners revive the former act anent subscribing bills, and recommend to the keeper to speak to the clerk of the bills.

Admission of Mr. James Henrysone, son of the late Mr. William Henrysone, W.S.

20th DECEMBER. Admission of Andrew Baillie, lately prentice and servant to Mr. Archibald Nisbet, W.S.

29th DECEMBER. Admission of Alexander Dunbar, lately prentice and servant to Mr. Alexander Home, W.S.

1683.

3d JANUARY. Admission of Henry Nicoll, lately prentice and servant to Mr. James Cheyne, W.S.

17th JANUARY. Admission of Edward Wallace, lately prentice and servant to John Alexander, W.S.

29th JANUARY. Isobell Garvan, relict of William Chalmers, and Janet Leirmont, relict of George Sibbald, writers to the signet, are each allowed £20 : and Mary Guthrie, relict of Mr. William Guthrie, W.S., is allowed £40.

Alexander Chaplane, writer, is appointed procurator-fiscal, in room of Alexander Aikenhead.

The keeper is recommended to call the former committee anent the old accounts, to meet with St. Martines, and to agree on a draught of the discharge, that the matter may be closed.

19th FEBRUARY. Admission of James Hamilton, son of Robert Hamilton of Pressmennan, and lately prentice and servant to Mr. James Elphinstoun, W.S.

27th APRIL. Edward Wallace to be cited for keeping writers in his chamber who are not booked as his prentices or servants, particularly John Clerk and Robert Carstares, who are "advocats' men, agents, and clerks servants."

The keeper and the treasurer to meet with James Allan, and close his accounts ; and to settle with him anent the apprising of the lands of Dewar : also to close Mr. David Watson's accounts, and have the discharge ready for next meeting.

Approbation is given to the treasurer for the sums paid by him to Isobel Carmichael, Janet Blair, Mary Guthrie, Mr. James Cheyne, and Thomas Garden.

William Pantoun, and Robert Kyll, to be cited for irregularities.

The commissioners recommend to the treasurer to make a list of the ordinary poor "who are in use to gett charity, and to give ane accompt of their condition, and quhat they are in use to get."

The commissioners, considering that Mr. James Cheyne is in the exercise of his office till Whitsunday, find that, till that time he ought to have no allowance from the box as pension, yet the treasurer is allowed "to give him in smalls, two dollars betwixt and Whitsunday."

30th APRIL. Alexander Chaplane, having been chosen fiscal on 29th January last, compeared and accepted, and took the oath *de fidei*.

The keeper and commissioners having settled and agreed with James Allan for the right of the apprising led by Mr. David Watson, their late treasurer, against Robert Pringle of Dewar, they appoint the present treasurer, with consent of said Mr. David, and of the commissioners, to give a disposition and assignation to James Allan, of the said apprising and grounds thereof, for which he and his son are to give bond conjunctly and severally for 1200 merks, for the use of the poor, payable at Martinmas next, with one term's amount rent, and annual rent thereafter during the not payment, etc. Signed by H. Paterson, and J. Allane.

The report of the keeper of the signet and the treasurer upon James Allan's accounts is entered thus :—

“CHARGE IN READY MONEY.

“ We find that the said James Allan received from Mr. George Cruikshank, sometime clerk to the society, of the ten merks received by him from the prentices, the sum of .	218	13	4
“ Item, we find that the said James Allane hes himself gotten in from the prentices and servants conforme to a list, .	460	00	0
“ Item, from John M'Kenzie, of fyne,	020	00	0
“ Item, from Alexander Lesly, Archibald Gibson, and James Johnstoun, for their dues,	040	00	0
“ Summa is	0738	13	4

“DISCHARGE.

“ We find that James Allan hes payed in charities according to warrants and discharges unto Archibald Gibson, Mr. Patrick Glasfoord, Mr. George Straiton, James Forrest, James Whytt, Judith Nairne, Beatrix Maxwell, John Stewart, Margaret Cuninghame, Mr. Alexander Forrest, Mr. Archibald Law, Archibald Gibson's relict,	0725	06	8
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The balance dew be the comptur is 0013 06 8

“ Item, the said keeper and thesaurer finds that the said James Allan received tickets from Mr. George Cruikshanks granted be several masters and servants for the prenteiss ten merks that are yet owing to the value of 200 lib. : 0 : 0. Whereof we are of opinion that there may be recovered ane hundreth and twenty-six pounds 13s. 4d., as to which the present thesaurer wold use his best diligence.

“ Item, we find the bonds that were delivered to James Allane are desperat, viz. :—Crightounes bond, Kirkwoods bond, Kello and Haldens bond, and Hayes bond. However, he is to give all up to the present thesaurer, and is to be discharged, paying in his balance of threttein pound six shilling eight pennies : and this is our report to the commissioners, as witness our hands, sic sub. H. Patersone, A. Young.”

7th MAY. “ Anent the petitiones given in be some poor widowes, and ane daughter of Robert Alexander, who wants the power of her syde, craving supply, it is resolved and appoynted that the thesaurer pay to them as follows :—viz., to Peter Barber's relict as formerly, being a rex dollar monethly, to William Chalmers relict forty merks yeirly, to be paid at two tymes in the year, to George Sibbald's relict als much, to be paid at the same tymes, and to Ester Alexander other forty merks at the same tymes.”

Mary Guthrie, “ who is both a wryter's relict and ane wryter's daughter,” is allowed £100 towards her aliment yearly, during the commissioners' pleasure, to be paid quarterly from 1st May instant, the commissioners “ understanding that

in obedience to, and affection of her late husband she wes induced to quytt her jointure by her first husband."

Mr. James Cheyne is allowed £100 yearly in quarterly payments, "in case he goe off the citty and forbear the exercise of his calling."

The relicts of William Rae and Robert Pringle respectively are allowed 20 merks to supply "their extream necessitie."

Act of Exoneration in favour of James Allan, recorded in full, dated 7th May 1683.

On the same day it is enacted that Mr. David Watson's discharge of his accounts be recorded in the books of the society, and the account of charge and discharge to be kept with their other evidents.

15th JUNE. Andrew Young, treasurer, having reported that he had lent of the poors' money 1000 merks to James Justice of East Crichtoun, as principal, and Mr. Thomas Rigg, as cautioner, upon their bond, the commissioners approve of the transaction.

The treasurer is allowed to pay to Marion Elliot, spouse to John Currie, cook, the sum of £20 due to her by Mr. James Cheyne, "off the first end of his pension, commencing at Witsonday last."

The treasurer is appointed to speak with Mr. Duncan Forbes, the under clerk, to know on what terms Lamertoun's bond in his hand is granted to Mr. James Cheyne.

23d JULY. Sederunt, Bannockburne, keeper, James Allan, Mr. David Watstone, Andrew Young, John Campbell, Mr. William Thomson, elder, George Dallas, James Johnston, Mr. James Elphinstoun, James Hay.

Lawrence Oliphant, W.S., having presented a petition, as clerk to the admission of notaries, against Mr. James Weir, Alexander Ord, Andrew Atchesone, John Marshall, and Edmund Wallace, writers to the signet, who are not notaries, craving that they be suspended until they be admitted notaries, the keeper and commissioners ordain to obtain themselves "admitted notars as necessar to the office of ane wryter for serving the leidges, betwixt and the last of August nixt."

5th NOVEMBER. Admission of John Strachan, lately prentice and servant to Mr. James Cheyne. He pays to the treasurer 100 merks for the use of the poor, being forty merks for the ordinary dues, 10 merks which he should have paid when he was a servant, and 50 merks of voluntary addition.

Discharge by the treasurer, on behalf of the keeper and commissioners to Mr. David Watstone of Saughtoun, late treasurer to the society, of all his intromissions in that office, dated 7th May 1683.

1st DECEMBER. Admission of Thomas Williamson, lately servant to the deceased John Alexander, elder, W.S.

29th DECEMBER. Admission of Mr. John Monro, lately prentice and servant to James Carnegy, and thereafter to Alexander Ord. He pays to the treasurer 100 merks in the same manner as John Strachan.

1684.

28th FEBRUARY. Admission of John Knox, late prentice and servant to John Campbell of Succoth, W.S. He pays 100 merks, being 40 merks of ordinary dues, and 60 merks "of benevolence, as a voluntar addition."

1st APRIL. Admission of James Winraham, lately prentice and servant to James Hay. He pays 100 merks, inclusive of 10 merks which he should have paid as a servant.

On petition of Margaret Watson, daughter of George Watson, W.S., the treasurer is allowed to give her 100 merks "to help her to sett up and plenish ane house, and this to be in satisfaction to her of any further charity."

Janet Blair, daughter to Gavin Blair, W.S., is allowed 10 merks over and above the £10 lately given to her by the keeper's order, which is approved.

A general meeting to be called on Monday the 14th inst.

14th APRIL. On petition of Janet Leirmonth, widow of George Sibbald, W.S. "mentioning that she was redacted to great poverty throw the insufficiencie of severall debtors of her deceasit husband," and craveing that her allowance might be augmented; the keeper and whole body of the writers are pleased to add 28 merks to her former allowance, making in all £40 yearly, to be paid quarterly.

The question, whether writers to the signet ought to be notaries, being put to the vote, it was resolved "by the whole meiting unanimously, except some of persones complained upon, in the affirmative."

7th JULY. The treasurer is warranted to pay the expenses of the funeral of James Whytt, their late officer, extending to £41, 2s. 4d., providing it was found that he had no means of his own.

On petition, Alexander Chalmers is admitted officer, during the pleasure of the keeper and commissioners.

4th SEPTEMBER. The officer is appointed to cite Robert Watsons and Mr. Peter Arbuthnot to compear on Monday, to answer to the complaints to be given in against them.

20th OCTOBER. Mr. John Frank is appointed procurator-fiscal until Martinmas 1685, and longer during pleasure.

John Campbell and Mr. James Elphinstoun are appointed auditors of the treasurer's accounts.

Mr. James Cheyne having drawn a bill on the treasurer for £6 payable to John Sandilands on order, the treasurer is authorised to pay it, although there was not so much due of his allowance; the treasurer is recommended to advise him to draw no more until it be due.

14th NOVEMBER. Admission of Mr. Alexander Drummond, lately prentice and servant to James Hay. He pays 100 merks, being 40 merks of ordinary dues, 10 merks due for his fee as servant, and 50 merks of voluntary addition.

22d DECEMBER. It is ordained that a list of prentices and servants be given in to the procurator-fiscal, who, with four visitors, is "to goe through and visit the wryters chambers, and to have with them the list of the booked prentices and servants, and to sie if ther be any new intrants." The visitors are Mr. Robert Innes, Mr. William Thomson, younger, Mr. William Stirling, and James Hamilton.

The fiscal and visitors are also to take notice and make an exact list of all unfreemen who keep open chambers, and their servants, "that the keeper may fall upon fitt methods to suppress them."

They are also to make inquiry concerning abuses of writers or unfreemen, and to take information for the complaints to be raised thereon.

It is proposed that at the first general meeting, on the first Monday of February, there be a voluntary contribution from all the brethren "for increase of the stock of the poor."

29th DECEMBER. Admission of John Cuninghame, younger, lately prentice and servant to Mr. James Cuninghame: he pays 10 merks which he owed as servant, and 100 merks for the use of the poor.

1685.

9th FEBRUARY. In a general meeting, the absentees are fined in one half dollar.

"The hail breitheren, in consideration of the multitude of their poor, and for the inress of their stock, have voluntarlie offered to pay to the thesaurer of the calling for the tyme, each of them, three pounds Scots yearly" for the use of the poor, beginning the first year's payment on 1st of April next for the year preceding.

Assistants to be named to subscribe for absent brethren.

Alexander Chaplane to be called before the commissioners, to give account of money received by him from the writers "to gett back the appryseings."

20th April. The treasurer is ordained to take up the 10 merks yet unpaid by prentices and servants.

4th SEPTEMBER. George Drummond of Blair, presented a commission granted by John, Viscount of Melfort, constituting him depute keeper of the signet under him as conjunct secretary of state, which the commissioners order to be recorded in their books. The commission was dated 30th May 1685. The said George Drummond also produced an act of council, dated 25th August 1685, relative to the foresaid commission, and authorising him and his depute to sign and mark jointly and separately hereafter with Bannockburne or his depute.

24th SEPTEMBER. Sederunt, the commissioners, Hugh Patersone, keeper, Mr. William Thomsons, Andrew Young, John Campbell, John Muir.

On petition of Robert Nicoll, son of the deceased John Nicoll, and grandson of the deceased John Nicoll, sometime writers to the signet, he is appointed officer to the calling, in the room of Alexander Chalmers, deceased.

4th DECEMBER. Sederunt, the commissioners, Bannockburne, keeper, John

Cuninghame of Enterkine, John Muir, Andrew Young, Mr. Thomas Elphinstoun, Mr. Thomas Gordoun, John Campbell, James Hay.

Admission of James Menzies, late prentice and servant to Andrew Young, W.S. Paid 100 merks.

The treasurer is authorised to pay to Anna Borthwick, relict of William Littlejohn, writer, £12: To Margaret Gibb, relict of Robert Irving, writer, 20 merks: To Grissell Murray, relict of John Lowes, writer, 50 merks: To Janet Blair, relict of Gawin Blair, writer, 20 merks.

Committee appointed to examine the box, and to report. The treasurer is continued for another year.

14th DECEMBER. Robert Nicoll, officer, is allowed 50 merks as a gratuity for "his great pains and diligence."

Christian Barclay, relict of William Rae, is allowed £20.

18th DECEMBER. Admission of Mr. Thomas Aikman, late prentice and servant to Nicol Hardy, W.S. Paid 100 merks.

1686.

9th FEBRUARY. Admission of Colin Campbell, late prentice and servant to George Dallas of St. Martin's, W.S. Paid 100 merks.

2d MARCH. Admission of James Home of Gemmillsheills, late prentice and servant to Andrew Young, W.S. Paid *ut supra*, 100 merks.

13th NOVEMBER. The treasurer having represented that he had been in office for four years, and desired to be relieved of the charge, and that a committee be appointed to examine his accounts, the commissioners, considering the "great care and pains" which the said Andrew Young had been at in his charge, and that "he is become tender and valetudinary," relieve him of the office.

Mr. John Frank, W.S., is unanimously chosen treasurer for one year; and a committee is named to meet with Andrew Young, and "take off his accompt."

The old treasurer is authorised to clear off all pensions due to Martinmas last.

Mr. William Stirling is appointed fiscal in room of Mr. John Frank, for one year.

The commissioners, considering that the fee of £20 yearly to their officer is "too meine" considering his pains and service, do increase his yearly fee to £5 sterling.

It is declared that the sons of writers to the signet shall be free in time coming from paying 10 merks to the poors' box.

23d NOVEMBER. Admission of Mr. Andrew Balfour, late prentice and servant to George Dallas of St. Martin's, W.S. Paid *ut supra*.

The treasurer is authorised to pay the funeral expenses of Daniel Cathcart, extending to £53, 10s. 2d.

Janet Blair, daughter of Gawin Blair, W.S., is allowed £20 in the meantime, till the state of the box and her case be further considered.

The Parliament house keepers and their servants are allowed five rix dollars, whereof four to the masters and one to the men.

24th NOVEMBER. Sederunt, "the keepers," etc.

Admission of Adam Fullartoun, late prentice and servant to the late John Muir, W.S.

22d DECEMBER. Admission of Mr. Alexander Stevensone, late prentice and servant to the deceased James Johnstoun, W.S.

1687.

5th JANUARY. Sederunt, "the keeper," etc.

Admission of Mr. William Dallas, late prentice and servant to George Dallas, of St. Martin's, W.S.

24th JANUARY. Admission of Mr. John M'Cleane, late prentice and servant to John M'Farlane, W.S.

Discharge by Mr. John Frank, present treasurer, to Andrew Young, late treasurer, of his intromissions, dated 5th March 1687.

18th AUGUST. Bond by the Marquis of Douglas, for 6000 merks of the poors' stock, approved.

On petition of George Sibbald's relict an addition of £20 is allowed to her former pension, making in all £60 yearly.

On petition of Margaret Gib, relict of Robert Irving, she is allowed ten merks in the meantime till Whitsunday. The same allowance is made to Widow Rae.

On petition of Margaret Watson, daughter of the late George Watson, W.S., she is allowed £10 quarterly.

Janet Blair, daughter of Gawin Blair, is allowed 20 merks.

Appointment by Alexander, Earl of Moray, and John, Earl of Melfort, in favour of Mr. John Frank, Mr. William Stirling, Mr. Robert Innes, Laurence Oliphant, Mr. James Henrysone, and Robert Watson, to be commissioners in room of those lately deceased; dated at Westminster, 25th October 1687.

9th DECEMBER. Sederunt, Sir Hugh Patersone of Bannockburne, one of the keepers of the signet, George Dallas of St. Martines, Mr. John Frank, Mr. William Stirling, Mr. Robert Innes, Laurence Oliphant, Mr. James Henrysone.

Admission of Robert Carstairs, late prentice and servant to Mr. William Hamiltoun.

The treasurer is authorised to sue the heirs of Arthur Straitoun for his debt.

The treasurer, fiscal, and Robert Watson appointed to see the proposals made anent the writers' proportion of the cess put to effect.

On petition by Jean and Sarah Manson, daughters of the late Andrew Manson, W.S., £20 yearly is allowed to each of them.

23d DECEMBER. Admission of Mr. John Montgomery, late prentice and servant to the late John Muir, W.S.

1688.

11th FEBRUARY. In a general meeting of the brethren, they nominate James Hay, Mr. James Elphinstone, and Mr. Robert Innes, with the keepers of the signet, or one of them, to apply to the lord president of session, and dean of faculty, and desire to know their pleasure as to the motion made for the writers to be bound for their prentices and servants that they shall live peaceably, and obediently to the laws; and to represent the case of the writers as different from other masters and societies, many of their prentices bearing only that name, and not under subjection: and that it cannot be alleged that any of their prentices and servants were in the tumult.

It is recommended to the keepers to write to the lords secretaries in favour of the writers, that no signatures pass but such as are written and formed by writers to the signet, and subscribed by them on the back.

The laird of Blair, conjunct keeper, is added to the former commission for revising the accounts.

It is agreed that every one of the brethren shall be liable from 1st February 1685 and onwards, for the ten merks due by their prentices and servants, due according to the acts.

8th MARCH. Admission of Robert Crawford of Crawfordstoun, late prentice and servant to Hugh Wallace of Inglisoun, W.S.

Widow Inglis, in whose house Patrick Chalmers, late officer, died, is paid £22 due to her by the defunct.

Mr. James Elphinstone of Logie, Mr. James Henrysone, and Mr. Robert Innes, are appointed to audit the accounts.

14th MARCH. The auditors of accounts present their report, finding the charge and discharge sufficiently accounted, and that there is due to the society of good debts £6231 17s. 2d. and of bad debts £1614 5s. 0d. The yearly pensions to the poor, servants' fees, and occasional charitable supplies are stated at £677.

5th APRIL. Admission of Charles Row, late prentice and servant to Sir Hugh Patersone of Bannockburne, W.S.

20th APRIL. Admission of Mr. John Guthrie, late prentice and servant to the deceased Mr. William Guthrie, W.S.

29th AUGUST. Sederunt, Sir Hugh Patersone, one of the keepers, James Allan, Mr. William Thomson, etc.

On petition of Barbara Hamilton, relict of Archibald Marshall, W.S., she is allowed £40 yearly.

Janet Blair is inrolled on the poors' roll for 20 merks yearly.

2d OCTOBER. Admission of Mr. Hugh Davidson, late prentice and servant to Hugh Wallace of Inglisoun.

1689.

16th FEBRUARY. Sederunt, the commissioners: Bannockburne, one of the keepers of the signet; Mr. Thomas Gordon, Mr. William Stirling, Laurence Oliphant, Mr. Robert Innes, Robert Watsone, James Hay.

Sir Hugh Patersone of Bannockburne, keeper of the signet, is appointed to represent the society in the election of "the humanitie regent" in the college of Edinburgh.

1690.

5th MAY. Commission by George, Earl of Melville, his majesty's high commissioner for the kingdom of Scotland, in favour of Mr. David Scrimzeour of Cartmoir, as keeper of the signet, John Cuninghame of Enterkin, Mr. William Thomsone, Mr. Archibald Nisbet, Mr. James Elphinstone, Mr. Alexander Home, Mr. Robert Richardsone, Robert Watsone, John M'Farlane, Laurence Oliphant, Mr. John Frank, Mr. William Hamiltoun, James Hamiltoun, and John Cuninghame, younger, as commissioners for the writers to the signet—dated at Holyroodhouse, 3d May 1690.

5th MAY. The aforesaid commission is produced, and the commissioners sworn. Robert Rutherford is, conform to practice, appointed depute to the keeper of the signet, to officiate as clerk during the pleasure of the commissioners.

Mr. John Frank is continued treasurer till Martinmas next.

John Cuninghame, younger, is appointed fiscal till Martinmas 1691.

Robert Nicoll is continued officer at former salary for a year.

An exact list of prentices is required from the masters betwixt and 10th June next; and the masters are ordained to pay in their £3 for the year 1690.

4th JUNE. Admission of William Dykes, late prentice and servant to Mr. William Thomsone, younger.

28th JULY. Admission of Andrew Hogg, late prentice and servant to William Hogg.

10th OCTOBER. Mr. James Elphinstone is delegated to assist at the election of professor of humanitie.

11th DECEMBER. The depute keeper is appointed to intimate to the members that they pay in their £3 betwixt and the 10th of January next, for the year 1690 and bygones.

The treasurer is recommended to look after the money due by Alexander Gordon of Earlstoun and the late Arthur Straiton.

11th DECEMBER. Admission of John Moncreiff of Mornipea, late prentice and servant to Mr. John Bayne of Pitcarlie.

1691.

16th MARCH. Commission by John, Master of Stair, one of the secretaries of state for Scotland, to Mr. James Elphinstone, to be depute keeper of the signet, for and under the lord secretary.

The said commission is appointed to be recorded, and the depute keeper is sworn.

The first Monday of each month, at two o'clock afternoon, is appointed as the time of the commissioners' meetings, and absentees to be fined half a crown.

6th APRIL. Sederunt, the commissioners:—

Mr. David Scrimzeour }
Mr. James Elphinston } keepers.

On report by the treasurer that the creditors of John Ballantyne, keeper of the advocates' bar, had arrested his salary due from Martinmas 1689 to Martinmas 1690, the commissioners discharge the treasurer from paying the salary until the matter be considered.

Andrew Achiesone, having no writing chamber, prentice, nor servant, is to be cited for subscribing bills for unfreemen, and his letters to be stopped.

John Cuninghame, fiscal, is instructed to cite William Paton and all other transgressors of the acts.

1st JUNE. Mr. Thomas Aikman, W.S., is admitted a commissioner in terms of letter received from the Master of Stair.

The fiscal is instructed to speak to Mr. Peter Arbuthnot, William Patoun, Andrew Aitchieson, and Mr. John Munro anent their transgressing the acts.

The officer is appointed to take up a list of prentices, for payment of their 10 merks in arrear.

The commissioners ordain the under keepers to stop the letters of John M'Farlane, Robert Watson, and Mr. Alexander Horne, until they pay their half crown for absence from the present meeting, and also the letters of those who have not paid their £3 for 1690.

The meeting is adjourned to that day fortnight.

6th JUNE. Admission of Alexander Hendersone, son of the late Mr. William Hendersone, W.S. Paid 110 merks.

Admission of Mr. James Anderson, late prentice and servant to Mr. Robert Richardson. Paid 100 merks.

22d JUNE. Admission of Duncan Ronald, late prentice and servant to John Campbell of Succoth, W.S. Paid *ut supra* 100 merks.

6th JULY. Admission of Mr. John Plenderleith, late prentice and servant to Mr. John Frank.

13th JULY. Mr. John M'Farlane is appointed treasurer till Martinmas 1692.

The accounts of Mr. John Frank, late treasurer, to be audited.

On petition by John Ballenden for his full salary for 1689, he is allowed 20 merks, which, with £40 formerly paid, is in full of all he can crave.

7th AUGUST. Admission of John Inglis, late prentice and servant to Mr. Archibald Nisbet.

7th SEPTEMBER. It is enacted that the servants of the writers put wax and rings on their letters, so that the seal may take impression, and, if not, the letters "will be torne at the signet."

OCTOBER. "Noe meiting, there not being a quorum of the commissioners in tounne."

2d NOVEMBER. In consideration that "little or no obedience" is given to the acts anent the voluntary payment of £3 yearly by each writer, and the prentices' duty of ten merks, the acts are revived, and masters are to be accountable for their prentices' fees.

On petition of Janet Learmonth, relict of George Sibbald, for augmentation of her allowance of £40, "in consideration of her condition," she is allowed 80 merks yearly.

9th NOVEMBER. The act of 26th January 1666, anent the regulation of the calling, is appointed to be subscribed by all intrants.

Approbation and discharge in favour of Mr. John Frank, late treasurer.

Committee appointed with the treasurer to "inspect the condition of the box," and to report.

Two men who assisted Mr. John Frank to transcribe the accounts are allowed 4 dollars.

Petition is recorded from William Menzies of Raa, desiring the commissioners to order the under keeper to signet his letters, in regard he was now resolved to reside here and follow his employment: the desire is granted.

7th DECEMBER. James Murray, on petition, is allowed 20 merks.

In consideration that "this long tyme bygone, by occasione of the revolutione and confusions in the countrie, there hes not been a full meetting of the wrytters," they appoint a meeting of the whole writers to the signet, on the first Monday of January next.

The treasurer is discharged from paying any further pension to Christina Barclay, relict of William Rae, in regard she is found to have no relation to any writer to the signet.

The treasurer is allowed to pay to Sir William Campbell 20 merks, and to James Edger "for doubleing severall acts of the calling," £12.

Janet M'Calla is allowed a pension of 20 merks, because she is grandchild of Thomas M'Calla, W.S.

The meeting is adjourned to the last Monday of December.

14th DECEMBER. Admission of Mr. John Campbell, late prentice and servant to George Dallas.

The treasurer is allowed to lend 1000 merks of the poors' money on security of Lewis Johnstoun of Cariffin, and Mr. Robert Rankine, brother german of the laird of Orchardheid.

1692.

4th JANUARY. The keepers and commissioners, with several of the writers, having met in the parliament house conform to the act of 14th December last, adjourned to the first Monday of February next.

1st FEBRUARY. The commissioners and writers having met, every absent brother is fined in half a dollar.

They recommend the state of the box to be considered by Sir Hugh Patersone of Bannockburne, Sir Hugh Wallace of Inglisoun, the laird of St. Martin's, John Knox, and John M'Farlane.

On petition of Mr. William Pettendreich, writer, showing his indigent condition, a voluntary collection of 32 merks is made for him.

The commissioners appoint the first Monday of March for their meeting, and the second Monday thereof for a full meeting of the writers.

7th MARCH. The treasurer is approved for lending 1000 merks *ut supra*, to Mr. John Menzies of Cambo, advocate, and William Menzies, late treasurer of Edinburgh, his brother.

The act of 2d November last anent payment of fees to be put to execution; and fines to be uplifted.

On petition of Helen Anderson, relict of Mr. William Gordon, W.S., representing "her and her four childerings necessitous condition," she is allowed a yearly pension of 100 merks.

A proposal made by Lord Rankeillor, to pay the principal debt due by Earlestoun, is remitted to the treasurer and Mr. Aikman, who are to confer with his lordship thereanent.

9th MARCH. On consideration of the advancement of the Earl of Melville to be lord privy seal, "and that those under his lordship are exauterat as to the office of the signet," the keeper and commissioners do appoint John Dalrymple, under keeper of the signet, to be clerk to the writers during their pleasure, in room of Robert Rutherford, late under keeper and clerk.

On petition of Robert Nicoll, officer, "shewing his necessitous conditione by long sickness, and craving a supply for himselfe and family," the treasurer is authorised to pay him ten rex dollars.

On report anent Earlstoun's debt, it is agreed to accept Lord Rankeillor's offer of 600 merks in part payment of Earleston's bond for 900 merks, of date 17th April 1677; with the condition that, if Earlstoun or others in his name shall, betwixt and Whitsunday 1693, pay to the treasurer the sum of 300 merks of balance, a full discharge of the bond and annualrents thereof should be granted. The reasons mentioned for this arrangement are the circumstances of the laird of Earlestoun arising from his forfeiture under the Stuarts, and the "brocken" condition of his sureties, William Clelland of Faskine, and Mr. John Baillie of Carphin.

13th JUNE. Sederunt, Mr. James Elphingston, keeper of the signet, etc.

The former acts anent payment of the £3 of voluntary contribution, and the prentice fees, are appointed to be put in execution.

Janet Blair, daughter of Gavin Blair, W.S., is allowed a pension of 40 merks yearly.

Barbara Hamilton, relict of Archibald Marshall, W.S., is reponed to her former pension of £40 yearly.

On petition of Elizabeth Wauch, relict of William Cuninghame, writer in Edinburgh, the commissioners refuse to enrol her among their pensioners, but allow her

three dollars in respect of her present necessity, declaring that no further allowance should be given to her hereafter.

The petition of Christian Barclay, relict of William Rae, is refused in similar terms, but she is allowed £7 in charity.

4th JULY. On petition of Robert Nicoll, officer to the society, representing that he was on his deathbed and in great want, and craving allowance for subsistence in time of his sickness, and also for defraying his funeral charges, and for support of his wife and children after his decease, the treasurer is authorised to give him four dollars for his subsistence, and, in case of his decease betwixt and Martinmas next, to advance the current half year's salary as officer, towards defraying the funeral charges; and in regard to the wife and children, their case should be considered after the said Robert's decease.

Robert Munro, writer in Edinburgh, is appointed officer in room of said Robert Nicoll.

11th JULY. Robert Nicoll being now deceased, the appointment of Robert Munro is ratified.

William Dykes, W.S., being cited for subscribing letters written by unfreemen, and confessing the fault, engages not to do the like in time coming, and is acquitted.

James Menzies, cited for the same fault, but not compearing, his letters are to be stopped at the signet.

John Knox, cited for subscribing letters written by others than his own servants, and for designing the writer of the letters otherwise than by his true name, and not compearing, his letters are to be stopped.

18th JULY. "Upon information that James Winrahame, being now sheriff clerk of Dunce, and residing there, wrytes and subscrieves letters at Dunce, and sends them in here to be exped and pass the signet," the keeper and commissioners ordain the under keeper to stop any letters signed by him till further order.

James Menzies and John Knox, being convened for the faults aforementioned, are rebuked, and, on their promise for the future, are dismissed.

Walter Stewart, John Alexander, and Andrew Atchesone, for having no writing chambers, nor servants of their own, and yet subscribing letters, are to be cited before the commissioners.

Mr. Peter Arbuthnot, Mr. John Munro, and Mr. John Plenderleith are to be cited for subscribing letters written by agents and others.

1st AUGUST. Sederunt, Mr. James Elphinstoun, præses, Mr. Alexander Home, John M'Farlane, Mr. Thomas Aikman, Robert Watson, John Cuninghame, Mr. Robert Richardstone.

"The commissioners, in respect Walter Stewart was cited to compear this day, and that he failed to compear, and that he hath his constant residence at Leith; as also there being informatione given in against him of severall gross malversations, such as his owneing a wryting chamber to be his, while the rent is payed by John Stewart and others, and his subscrieveing blank sheets of paper, which he intrusts to be filled up by the said John Stewart and others in that chamber: Therefor the

keeper and commissioners doe ordaine the under keeper to stop all letters signed by the said Walter Stewart untill he cleare himselfe of these malversations."

Mr. Peter Arbuthnot, on promise to avoid malversations in the future, is acquitted, with certification that suspension will be inflicted for his next offence.

"Andrew Atchesone, having appeared and confessed that Mr. John Nisbet, who is ane agent, doeth stay in the chamber with him and hath the study, the commissioners find this to be contrary to the acts of the calling, and appoint Mr. Alexander Home and John Cuninghame to speak to Andrew Atchesone in the premissis; and Mr. John Plenderleith, having compeared and acknowledged that John Law stayed with him in the chamber and payed a part of the rent, as also that he subscribed letters written by John Law's servant, the keeper and commissioners, in respect of his ingenuous acknowledgment and promise" to amend, dismiss him.

The letters of Mr. John Monro and Mr. John Alexander to be stopped for non-compearance after citation.

8th AUGUST. Mr. John Monro, compearing, and denying the charges against him, and, in particular, that he had agreed with no one "for pryces of letters below one shilling sterling," is fined in a dollar to the treasurer for his contumacy, and reponed.

7th NOVEMBER. Sederunt, Mr. James Elphingstoune, keeper, preses, etc. [no business].

5th DECEMBER. A list is appointed to be made of the present pensioners with the yearly pensions payable to them, and to be inserted (in the minutes) with two blank leaves for alterations, and for any sums given to "extraneous persons."

Mr. John M'Farlane is continued treasurer till Martinmas next, and John Cuningham, procurator fiscal for same period.

19th DECEMBER. A commission by the Right Hon. James Johnston, one of the secretaries of state, in favour of Henry Douglas, as conjunct keeper of the signet, is produced, and the said Henry accepted and sworn.

1693.

13th FEBRUARY. Sederunt, Mr. James Elphingstone, and Henry Douglas, keepers, etc.

On petition from the macers of session, representing their service to the society of writers in the Parliament House, and craving either a yearly pension or an allowance to be paid by every "intrans wryter," the keepers, with advice of the commissioners, appoint 20 merks to be paid to the macers by every writer on his admission.

10th MAY. Admission of Thomas Pringle, late prentice and servant to John M'Farlan, W.S. Paid 100 merks for use of the poor.

30th JUNE. Admission of Mr. John Wilkie, from the office of George Dallas, W.S. 100 merks.

26th JULY. Admission of Mr. John Nisbet, from the office of Mr. Thomas Gordoun, W.S. 100 merks.

6th NOVEMBER. The ordinance for payment by every writer of £3 yearly for the poor, to be enforced on pain of stopping the letters of defaulters.

Writers for the poor are appointed, viz. : John Inglis, for November '93 and March '94; Alexander Henrysone, for November '93 and April '94; Mr. John Wilkie, for January and May 1694; Mr. John Nisbet, for February and August 1694; Thomas Pringle, for June and September '94; and Adam Fullerton, for June and October 1694.

27th NOVEMBER. The acts anent payment of three pounds by the writers, and 10 merks by prentices, are again intimated.

4th DECEMBER. Admission of Mr. David Halyburton, from the office of James Peter, W.S.

1694.

19th MARCH. The keepers, commissioners, and "hail body of the wryters to the signet," being met in the parliament or new session house of Edinburgh "for the common affairs of ther societie," revive and ratify these acts, viz. :—(1) Act for regulating the society of writers, dated 22d January 1666, which is engrossed at length; (2) The act of date 1594, the tenor of which is recited; (3) The act dated 14th May 1610, the tenor of which is also recited. (The signatures of the keepers, commissioners, and members of the society are adhibited.)

7th APRIL. Admission of David Lauder, from the office of George Dallas.

14th APRIL. Admission of John Elliot, from the office of Andrew Baillie.

Eod. die. Admission of Mr. James Baillie, from the office of Andrew Baillie.

2d JULY. The keepers are recommended "to address the lords of session for a warrant to apprehend Wm. Gairdner, and bring him hither to answer for severall forgeries committed by him."

5th NOVEMBER. The treasurer is approved for accepting a bond by Alexander Aikenhead, W.S., as principal, and George Livingston of Saltcoats, as cautioner, for 1000 merks, in place of a bond for the like sum formerly granted by the deceased commissary Aikenhead, the said Alexander Aikenhead, and Mr. William Castelow, the interest thereof having been paid.

26th NOVEMBER. The treasurer is authorised to accept of the offer made by the creditors of the late Arthur Stratoun, to pay 500 merks of principal due by him to the writers, and 300 merks of bygone annualrents, together with the expenses laid out by the treasurer, in raising and using diligence on the said debt, the said creditors to receive a right to the adjudication led in the year 1691.

1695.

7th JANUARY. The above-mentioned transaction being completed, is approved.

26th MARCH. "Sederunt in the Parliament House, Mr. Ja. Elphinstone and Henry Douglas, keepers of the signet, with the commissioners for the wryters to the signet, and haill other wryters to the signet," having "considered ane act made by the faculty of advocates of the date the 26th February last bypast, whereby they appoint certane of ther number to raise process of declarator against the toun of Edinburgh, for declaring the privileges of members of the College of Justice, which hade been much incroached upon of late, and also for raising suspension of the acts and sentances of the said toun, whereby they exact upon the College of Justice contrary to ther priviledges: and by which act of the said faculty of advocats, the said managers for caryeing on the said processes, are ordained to acquaint the wryters to the signet with ther said resolution that ther concurrence may be obtained in the said mater": the keeper, commissioners, and brethren do therefore appoint five of their number, with the treasurer, to meet with the advocates, and concert measures for redress of the said encroachments.

12th JULY. It is resolved that every one hereafter admitted writer to the signet shall pay to the treasurer, for the use of the poor of the calling, the sum of £100 Scots ("by and attour the secretares and other dewes") in place of all former payments.

Admission of Hugh Cuningham, from the office of John Cuninghame of Enterkine, W.S.

13th JULY. Admission of Patrick Home, from the office of Robert Carstares.

19th JULY. Admission of Mr. David Ballingall, from the office of William Thomsone.

20th JULY. Admission of James Brisbane, from the office of Robert Watson.

26th JULY. Mr. James Elphinston, having represented to the other keeper and commissioners that whereas, by act of the keepers of the signet and commissioners for the time, dated 16th May 1611, it is required that all writers to the signet give in to the clerk to be recorded their ordinary subscription, that it may be known if any other make use of their names, and that the said Mr. James, finding his former subscription hitherto used by him "is now become somewhat uneasie and troublesome to him, therefore he has annext heir unto the subscriptione he intends to use as writer to the signet (as being more plaine and easie) in all tyme comeing," to which the other keeper and commissioners do unanimously agree.

(Signed) JA: ELPHINSTONE.

The other keeper and commissioners also subscribe.

The said Mr. James Elphinstone delivered to the treasurer 100 merks, "for encuradgment to others to doe the lyke."

Admission of Daniel Sympsone, from the office of George M'Kenzie.

29th JULY. Admission of John Clark, from the office of Robert Bell.

7th AUGUST. Admission of Mr. David Ramsay, from the office of Andrew Young.

14th AUGUST. The keepers and commissioners, taking into consideration "the means of their stocke, and the great number of their pensioners who are supplied thereby," and also that the act anent payment of £3 yearly has proved for the most part ineffectual; and a motion being made for augmenting the stock for the poor, "and that in order therto there should be ane convenient house bought where the signet office and warrands thereof might be kept, and the wryters may meet upon all occasions, for ane yearly rent to be payed to the poor by the society, and that in place of the three pounds; and that the pryce thereof should be contribute for out of the wryters ther own privat pockets; and that every wryter should contribute at leist ane hundred merks to that end, or that he and his posterity be for ever excluded the benefite of the poors box, except such as shall be excused by the body of the wryters; and in case that contribution fall short of the pryce of the house, that the present stock of the poor be made use of to make up what shall be wanting: and there being ane buildeing by Robert Milne of Alexander Crombie's land, where a house may be conveniently hade for the ends aforesaid," it is agreed to call a general meeting to convene next day in the Parliament House at two o'clock afternoon, to consider the motion.

15th AUGUST. In reference to the motion aforesaid, a committee of seven, being three commissioners and four ordinary writers, is appointed to meet with Robert Mylne and Patrick Steill, to treat with them anent the purchase of the house, with power to complete the bargain.

Admission of Ronald Campbell, from the office of the late John Campbell of Succoth.

4th NOVEMBER. Admission of Mungo Buchanan, from the office of John Cuninghame.

Admission of Alexander Glass, from the office of Robert Watson.

11th NOVEMBER. John M'Farlan, Mr. Robert Richardsone, John Cuninghame, and Mr. John Guthrie, members of the committee appointed on 15th August, to treat for the purchase from Robert Mylne and Patrick Steill, of "ane lodgeing in the new tenement building by them opposite to the stone chop, for the use of the wryters and their poor," having reported that they had contracted with the parties for the said lodging, of which a subscribed scheme or plan was also produced, at the price of 5500 merks, the keepers, commissioners, and writers, ratify and approve of the transaction, and appoint the contributions to be paid in to the treasurer, betwixt and Candlemas next; and such as should not contribute shall be ordained to pay their £3 yearly, and have their letters stopped until their bygone dues are paid.

2d DECEMBER. A committee is appointed to audit the treasurer's books for the three years preceding July last.

1696.

28th FEBRUARY. Commission granted by Sir James Ogilvie, one of the principal secretaries of state for Scotland, in favour of David Crawford, secretary to the Duchess of Hamilton, to be one of the principal keepers of the signet, is received and entered on the minutes: it is dated at Whitehall, 2d February 1696.

2d MARCH. Sederunt, Henry Douglas and David Crawford, keepers, Robert Watson, Mr. Robert Richardson, John M'Farlan, Mr. Alexander Home, John Cunningham, Mr. Thomas Aikman. [No business recorded.]

9th APRIL. John Andersone, one of the under keepers of the signet, is appointed clerk to the society during pleasure.

John M'Farlane, treasurer, reports that the stock belonging to the calling extends to "about twelve thousand merks or thereby, by and attour the pryce of the lodging lately bought by them."

On a motion to employ £300 sterling of the money in the box, in the African trade now established by Act of Parliament, the majority voted in favour of the motion, but as the meeting was "not frequent," no orders were given to the treasurer in the meantime.

18th APRIL. The keepers and a considerable number of the writers to the signet being convened, they sign the bond of association (subscribed by the lords of privy council, by their majesties' special allowance) for the support and defence of his majesty's most sacred person and government, and of the Protestant religion, against the late King James, and the pretended Prince of Wales, and all their agents, etc.

4th MAY. David Crawford, keeper of the signet, produced a commission granted by John, Lord Murray, and Sir James Ogilvie of that ilk, secretaries of state, in favour of Mr. James Elphinstone, Mr. Alexander Home, Robert Watson, John M'Farlane, James Hamilton, Mr. William Thomson, John Strachan, Mr. John Montgomery, Mr. William Dallas, Duncan Ronald, Thomas Pringle, Hugh Cunningham, and David Ramsay, writers to the signet, or any five of them, with the keepers or keeper of the signet, to be their lordships' commissioners "for overseeing and ordering what may concern the office and calling of the writers." The commission, dated at Whitehall, 20th April 1696, is accepted and engrossed.

A commission by the said John, Lord Murray, in favour of Patrick Murray of Dollary, to be one of the principal keepers of the signet, is also received.

John M'Farlane is continued as treasurer, John Anderson as clerk, Robert Monro as officer, and John Strachan as fiscal.

Mr. William Thomson and John Strachan are appointed to assist the keepers and the treasurer "anent their concerns, the new lodgeing bought by the writers, as to the furnishing and finishing the same, and the filling of the warrand; and appointed a tack to be drawn betwixt the keepers of the signet in name of the secretaries on the one part, and the commissioners of the wryters in name of the poor on the other part, of the said lodgeing for ane yeir, and the tack duty to be left blank, and payable to the treasurer for the use of the poor of the calling, and

allowed the keepers to enter to the possession at the term of Whitsunday next, to witt the 15th May instant."

The second Monday of June next is appointed for a general meeting.

1st JUNE. Patrick Murray of Dollary and David Crawford, keepers, etc.

Admission of Hugh Somervail, from the office of Robert Carstairs.

Admission of George Turnbull, from the office of Henry Grahame.

The treasurer's accounts to be audited.

John M'Farlane is continued treasurer, John Strachan, fiscal, John Andersone, clerk, and Robert Monro, officer, during pleasure.

List of prentices and servants to be given in.

Robert Miln and Patrick Steill to be spoken to, that they should furnish and complete the lodgeing bought by the writers from them, "and if they shifted or delayed" legal diligence should be used against them.

The fiscal is to inquire what "wrytter lads" sign bills in name of Mr. Patrick Arbuthnot, or any other of the wryters, or procure letters to be signed by others than those whose names are at the bills, that they may be cited by the officer.

"The commissioners for the wrytters sett to the keepers of the signet the lodgeing lately acquired from Robert Milne and Patrick Steill, cellars and garrets thereof, for this current year, at three hundred merks rent for the said yeir, in regard the same is not fully furnished; and thereafter for sua long as the keepers shall possess the same for the payment of twenty pound starline of yeirly rent: and both wrytters and keepers declair that it shall be lawfull to aither of them to quyte at the yeir end: and appoynts a tack to be drawn in thir terms; reserving all-ways for the use of the commissioners and the heall calling, the constant use of the great northmost room for their meetings upon all occasions, and allows the keepers ane pass key for their own uses: and appoynts the key of the great room quhen furnished to lye in John Strachan's house, as being the nearest wryter's house to the same.

William Burnet, writer in Edinburgh, son of Gavin Burnet, writer to the signet, craves charity and supply, because "he is prisoner in the Tolbuith for debt, through the rigidity of his creditors and the unnaturalnes of his brother, who will not pay the remaines of his patrimony." He is allowed 100 merks.

On petition of Mary Vauch, relict of John Aitkinhead, writer in Edinburgh, showing that her husband served his apprenticeship to Mr. William Thomsone, W.S., and paid his fee, and intended to obtain admission "if it had pleased God to spare him," and that she is "redacted to great poverty and want." She receives 50 merks, on condition that she oblige herself never to apply for any further supply.

On petition by Sir William Campbell for charity, the treasurer is authorised to give him three dollars.

8th JUNE. The keepers and commissioners, having represented to the brethren that they were called together in order to give an account of the abuses of the calling, that the same might be rectified and punished, they are required to give in an account of all abuses to the fiscal.

The committee anent the contract of the lodging are appointed to meet with the builders, and "to call tradesmen weill known in buildeing to take inspection of the lodgeing, if the same be sufficiently built and furnished in all things conforme to the

contract, and to see the said contract fulfilled in all poynts, and that the ryghts, progress and disposition of the said lodgeing be legall and valid," and to report.

The letters of those whose contributions for the price of the building were not yet paid, to be stopped until payment.

6th JULY. The treasurer and fiscal are appointed (and to "call whom they think fitt" along with them) to inspect a carpet which Mr. John Guthry offered for the use of the calling at a cheap rate, and to report.

Letters are to be stopped until prentices' names are given up, and the contributions for the building are paid in.

Consideration of a precept drawn by the advocates on the treasurer is delayed until the particular account of the expenses involved is known.

2d OCTOBER. Admission of Andrew Karr, from the office of James Hay.

Orders for making up lists of prentices, and for inspecting the "lodgeing" are renewed.

John Inglis to be cited to answer for "unfreemen's letters."

One dollar of "drink monny" is ordered to be paid to the wrights employed in finishing the lodgeing.

9th NOVEMBER. "The keepers and commissioners appoynt that the carpet offered by Mr. John Guthrie in place of his hundred merks, subscribed by him for the use of the poor of the calling, may be received from him by John M'Farlane and John Strachane, who hade seen the same, and that it may be kepted by them, or any of them, untill the large room belonging to the calling be finished, and ane table placed therein, and whereupon the foresaid carpett is to be putt, and is ther to remane for the use of the calling."

John Inglis being delated for subscribing letters for "young men that kepted ane wryter's chamber that hade noe master, since the deceiss of William Dykes, who wes ther master," the relict of the said William having no advantage thereby, the keepers and commissioners, upon the acknowledgment and promise of the said John Inglis, gave him "a publict rebuke."

Report of the auditors to be given in at next meeting.

A list of the poor of the calling to be prepared and given in, that it may be considered whether they are such as ought to have charity, and whether they deserve more or less than their present pensions.

On petition of John Williamson, son of the late Thomas Williamson, W.S., craving "some litle thing for buyeing of cloths for his own use," the sum of £24 is allowed, to be laid out for that purpose by Mr. William Dallas.

Deacon Paterson, wright, is to be spoken to, in order to hasten "the finishing of the lyneing of the large room belonging to the calling."

Writers for the poor are appointed, viz., Mr. William Cheisley, John Luitfoot, William Menzies, Mr. David Haliburton, David Lauder, and John Elliot, for specified periods.

14th DECEMBER. The treasurer's accounts to be adjusted for the first meeting in March.

A list of the poor to be given in at next meeting.

A committee is appointed to revise the title-deeds of the "Lodgeing."

The treasurer is authorised "to give to the wyfe of one of ther bretheren, who is in great distress at present, ten dollars."

A committee of four is appointed to meet with a committee of the advocates "to treat anent the privileges of the College of Justice."

Several petitions for charity are remitted to the treasurer, to use his discretion in giving to the deserving.

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4th JANUARY. The treasurer is authorised to give to William Burnet 8 rex dollars "for payeing his house dues in the Tolbooth," and for his liberation.

Admission of Charles Miln from the office of William Dykes.

1st FEBRUARY. Absentees are fined in £3.

Payments by the treasurer are approved, viz.: To Elizabeth Arnot, daughter of Mr. Samuell Arnot, £2. To Janet Killpatrik, £2, 18s. To Isobell Montgomerie, £2, 17s. To Mr. William Petendreich, £2, 9s. To Christian Greig, relict of Alexander M'ldonich, £2, 18s. To Anna Inglis, £2, 17s. To Jean More, £2, 9s. To Elizabeth Vauch, £2. To Anna Morton, £2, 17s. To Christian Barclay, £2, 4s. To Janet Oswald, called Widow Maitland, £2, 17s. To Elizabeth Innes, £2, 9s.

On petition of Mary Paterson, daughter of Hugh Paterson, W.S., the treasurer is authorised to pay to her or to Robert Paterson, bailie of the Potterraw, in her name, £12 quarterly for a year, including therein her former pension.

1st MARCH. Admission of Mr. Arthur Forbes, from the office of Mr. James Elphinstoun.

George Dallas of St. Martin's presents his style book to the keepers and commissioners for the use of the faculty, who tender him thanks, and give a dollar to the servant who carried the book.

"The carpet given by Mr. John Guthrie for the use of the facultie, in place of his hundred merks for buyeing the lodgeing, wes presented befor the keepers and commissioners, who were weill pleased with the same," and appoint the treasurer to grant discharge to the said Mr. John for 100 merks.

Marion Blair, relict of Alexander Cleiland, receives four dollars.

10th MARCH. Patrick Murray of Dollary, and David Crawford, keepers; Mr. James Elphinstoun, John M'Farlane, James Hamilton, Mr. William Thomsone, John Strachan, Duncan Ronald, Thomas Pringle, Hugh Cuninghame, David Ramsay, commissioners.

Mr. David Cuninghame of Mullcraig, advocate, having presented petition, Mr. John Nisbet, writer to the signet, having raised, and Alexander Glass, also writer to the signet, having used, general letters of horning upon decreet of modification, at the instance of Jean Lindsay, relict of Mr. Alexander Stevenson, minister at Dalmellington, against Crawford of Camlarge, for payment of the stipend of said parish for the crop 1695, contrary to the terms of the act of 24th June 1690, which restricts the raising of such letters, except upon decreet of locality, the keepers and commissioners find the said letters not to be in "the precise terms" of the act, and therefore ordain the said raiser and user "to deliver back the same, with the execution before the day of the charge expire."

15th MARCH. Admission of Charles Menzies, from the office of William Dykes

5th APRIL. Committee appointed to adjust the accounts.

"Appoynts the register to be bound of new with two or three quair of peaper added thairto, and the treasurer to pay for the same."

"The keepers and commissioners being informed that John Alexander, late wryter to the signet, one of ther pentioners, is turned papist, they discharge the treasurer to pay him any more money untill he declair under his hand that he is noe papist, and renunes the principles therof."

Janet Nicol, relict of Robert Nicol, late officer to the society, is allowed her Lammas pension in advance, on account of the sickness of her child.

The treasurer is appointed to give two dollars to Mary Vauch, relict of John Aitkinhead; and to give a dollar to Elizabeth Innes, relict of Mr. James Lawson: and two dollars to Margaret Peter, if it should be found on inquiry that her father was a writer. These grants are all upon petition by the parties.

12th APRIL. Upon information that John Inglis, writer to the signet, had 'made ane transaction with Sir Alexander Anstruther, ane of the clerks of the bills, for the half of his place, and received from the said Sir Alexander ane deputation for the exercise of the said office," the brethren, upon consideration of some former acts of the society, find "that ane writer to the signet, who is exerceing the office of clerk or clerk deputt of the bills, will be very prejudiciall to the rest of the bretheren:" and having called the said John Inglis before them, and heard his acknowledgment of the said transaction, with his denial of his having exercised the office or received any emoluments, and his declaration that he should submit to the sentence of the keepers and commissioners, they find, and intimate to him that, in case he should either directly or indirectly exercise the said office, he should be deprived.

3d MAY. Complaint being given in against John Inglis for raising unwarrantable letters against David Boswall, glazier, burgess of Edinburgh, the said John is ordained to see and answer the complaint betwixt and Monday next.

On petition of John Inglis, remonstrating against "the act and orders" of the keepers and commissioners of the 12th of April last, anent his exercise of the office of clerk to the bills, consideration of the petition is continued to the first Monday of June, and Duncan Ronald and Thomas Pringle are appointed to revise the acts of the calling relating to the subject, and to report.

The former committee anent the lodging are appointed to consider the contract anent the purchase, and to report whether it be fulfilled, and the "lodging completely perfyted and finished conforme therto in all poynts," and to revise the scroll of the disposition of the lodging and other titles in the progress.

7th JUNE. The letters of horning raised by John Inglis against David Boswall and his wife, on the wife's accepted bill, are found to be unwarrantable.

The keepers and commissioners, having revised the acts, adhere to their former sentence of 12th April last, anent the exercise of the office of clerk to the bills by John Inglis.

The committees anent the lodging, and for adjusting the treasurer's accounts, are appointed to meet, and make report at next meeting.

On petition of Isobell Grahame, relict of Mr. James Cuninghame, she is allowed 100 merks until her condition be inquired into.

5th JULY. The committee anent the lodging appointed to meet "at three o'clock this afternoon peremptorie," and prepare report against next meeting, and to take the advice of skilled tradesmen.

The pension of Margaret Chalmers, daughter of the late William Chalmers, and granddaughter of the late Daniel Melville, both writers to the signet, is augmented to £40 yearly.

Isobell Straton, daughter of the late James Straton, W.S., on account of her "mean condition, age, and infirmity," is allowed a pension of 100 merks yearly.

One dollar each is allowed to Thomas Robertsons, a blind man, Mrs. Cameron, and Anna Mortoun, relict of John Fermer, W.S.

Proposals being made for "the due exacting and collecting the pryces allowed by the regulations for wryts passing the signett," it is appointed that "doubles" of the said proposals be given to each commissioner, and all to be warned to meet on Monday next to consider the same.

12th JULY. The account for glass work furnished by David Burton, glazier, to the new lodging, amounting to £73, 4s. Scots, being considered, order is given to pay the same upon the said David "cleansing the glass windows."

The committee anent the lodging report that they met and made account of deductions to Robert Miln, for the deficiencies in his part of the contract, and that they had amended the disposition, and appointed it to be transcribed.

David Ramsay is added to the committee for adjusting the accounts.

A committee, consisting of Duncan Ronald, Thomas Pringle, and Mr. William Dallas, appointed to consider the proposals referred to at last meeting.

19th JULY. Admission of James Baird, servitor to Sir James Ogilvie, principal secretary of state.

Draught of the acts presented by the committee, on the "proposals" referred to in meeting of 5th July, read and considered, and David Ramsay is added to the committee.

Mr. William Dallas and Mr. Robert Pringle are nominated as conjunct fiscals, and sworn.

6th AUGUST. Committee appointed to treat anent the act against abuses.

10th AUGUST. Robert Watson, John M'Farlane, John Strachan, and Duncan Ronald appointed to meet and prepare an act for regulating the calling.

Duplicates of Deacon Paterson, wright's account to be given to each commissioner, to be considered against next meeting.

On petition of Walter Stewart, W.S., he is allowed 200 merks for his present necessity, and the settlement of a pension for him is delayed until 1st September 1698.

20th AUGUST. Admission of Alexander Fyff, from the office of Campbell of Carwhine, W.S.

Admission of John Cheisley, from the office of John Knox, W.S.

19th SEPTEMBER. Admission of Thomas Eleis, son of James Eleis of Southsyde, from the office of Mr. James Anderson, W.S.

2d OCTOBER. The committee on the accounts to report at next meeting.

The same committee to see their convening house and the lining thereof, and to consider Deacon Paterson's accounts, and report to next meeting.

Admission of Mr. William Wilson.

29th OCTOBER. Admission of William Hamilton, son of the late Sir Robert Hamilton of Presmenan.

8th NOVEMBER. The committee on the treasurer's accounts to employ "Ogstoun the sworne metster," to measure the convening room and lining thereof, and to take his report in writing, and to take the advice of "gentlemen and tradesmen" as to the price of the foot of work.

Hugh Somerville, George Turnbull, Charles Miln, Arthur Forbes, and Charles Menzies, appointed writers for the poor, for two months respectively.

15th NOVEMBER. Thomas Pringle is appointed treasurer in room of John M'Farlane.

24th NOVEMBER. The committee report that John Alexander has "renounced and disowned all popery and principles thereof, and that he never maintained the same, and that it was a calumnie against him." He is reponed to his pension.

The late treasurer is ordained to pay £1088 to Deacon Paterson, in full of his account, and to pay one dollar to the measurer of the lining of the convening room.

Compeared, Sir James Baird of Saughtounhall, Mr. James Lowes of Merchistoun, Mr. James Elphinstoun of Craighouse, and Robert Watson, W.S., heritors of land in the parish of St. Cuthbert's, complaining that John Knox, W.S., "did most unwarrantably and informally wryte and subscribe letters of horning at the instance of Mr. Arthur Coupar, pretended schoollmaster at Portsburgh," against them and other heritors of the parish, and "caused signet the saids letters on the first of August last," founding on an act of parliament dated 2d May 1646, which act was rescinded in the first session of the first parliament of King Charles the Second in 1661; and alleging that the letters contained a warrant for charging the whole of the heritors at the church door of St. Cuthbert's, for paying their several proportions of the schoolmaster's fees, conform to a stent roll which was unjustly imposed upon them; and that the said letters are contrary to the 13th act of the second session of King William's first parliament, discharging all general letters except for the king's revenue and ministers' stipends on a decreet of locality: and therefore craving the keepers and commissioners to warrant their officer to summond the said John Knox, etc.

The keepers and commissioners having called the said John Knox before them, and heard his answer, found the said letters unwarrantable, and ordained them to be kept up, and no extract thereof to be given.

6th DECEMBER. Writers and their prentices ordered to produce their discharges for their dues.

8th DECEMBER. Admission of George Cockburne, writer in Edinburgh.

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4th JANUARY. Admission of Alexander Guthrie, from the office of James Winrahame.

17th JANUARY. "Allowed of the chimney-piece given by Robert Miln to compense the deficiency in sua farr as he and Patrick Steill are short in fulfilling of their contract."

"Ten guineas to be given by the treasurer as a compliment for the earnest of the house and the name of the court, which they are to putt up above the principal gate in gilded letters befor payment be made, and to call the same the Wryters' Court."

24th JANUARY. Absentees "unlawed" in half a crown for the poor.

A committee appointed for considering regulations for rectifying the abuses of the calling.

7th FEBRUARY. Jean Hamilton, relict of Mr. Alexander Stevenson, W.S., and her five children, enrolled for a pension of £100 Scots, "in respect the petitioner and her children have been and are under great straites."

Margaret Vauch, relict of William Cuninghame, is allowed three dollars of charity, and discharged to make any further application.

Thomas Robertson, "a sicklie infirm blind man," to receive two dollars, on the same condition as the preceding.

Elizabeth Williamson, only daughter of the late Thomas Williamson, W.S., is allowed £24, "and she is never to ask more."

Petition is given in by William Crawford, under keeper of the signet, showing "that through the insufficiency of the door and windows of the signet office, some persons took the advantage of breaking both, and caried away about five pound starline money lyeing with the seall of the office, signet book, and some signet letters," and craving that his loss be made up. The treasurer is appointed to pay the amount.

14th MARCH. Marion Muir, eldest daughter of the late John Muir, W.S., representing "the starveing condition of herself and three fatherless children, and that she is presently lyeing in of a posthume chyld," is allowed in the meantime 10 dollars.

2d MAY. The letters of those who have not contributed for "byeing their lodgeing" to be stopped.

6th JUNE. Isobell Grahame, relict of Mr. James Cuninghame, W.S., enrolled as a pensioner for £100 yearly.

Margaret Watson, daughter of the late George Watson, W.S., is allowed £24.

A committee appointed to consider the stock of the calling, that it may be known what they have to bestow in charity.

9th JUNE. Admission of James Taylor, from the office of John Cuningham.

15th JUNE. Admission of Alexander Alison from the office of John Strachan.

11th JULY. An addition of 50 merks is made to the yearly pension of £100 allowed to John Alexander, W.S., "he being a liveing brother under burden and in great necessitie."

Mary Vauch allowed ten dollars, and to make no further application.

Three dollars allowed to Jean Barclay, "relict of umquhill Captain Archibald M'Culloch, who wes killed in the defence of the government, and defended against the seidge of Londonderry."

William Burnett, son of Gawine Burnett, W.S., allowed £20 to relieve him from prison, where he lies for debt, and is enrolled for a pension of £40 yearly.

Mr. Alexander Hume, John Strachan, and Duncan Ronald recommended to consider the petitions given in by the poor, and to report and adjust accounts with the treasurer.

16th AUGUST. Mr. David Ramsay is appointed treasurer by reason of Mr. Thomas Pringle's demission of the office. The accounts to be adjusted.

Committee appointed to "waite upon the comity of trade to oppose the memoriall given in by Mr. Norman for prohibiting the importeing of wryteing paper, or layeing on ane imposition thairupon."

25th AUGUST. Admission of John Irvine, lawful son of Mr. Robert Irvine of Cults, from the office of Mr. William Thomson.

7th NOVEMBER. Warrant from the lord secretary to Mr. James Elphinston, Mr. John Montgomery, and Hugh Cuninghame, to serve as keepers of the signet, and for the trial of the qualifications of entrants.

"The keepers and commissioners resolve that they shall attend the lords of session to-morrow in the usuall maner, and pay their duty to them, and to receive ther commands, and to give in the list of the wryters for the poor for the ensueing year."

The writers named for the poor are Alexander Fyff, John Cheisley, Thomas Eleis, Mr. William Wilson, William Hamilton, and George Cockburn.

14th NOVEMBER. Discharge and exoneration to John M'Farlane, late treasurer.

Account of the money received by John M'Farlane from the writers, for buying and furnishing their house. The amount contributed is £5200; the amount paid is £5132, 16s. 4d; the amount still due, £566, 13s. 4d.

The rent of the signet office from 1696 to 1697, amounting to £200, and £20 sterling yearly thereafter, being found unpaid, the treasurer is to endeavour to get payment.

The contributions for the house still due to be paid, or the letters of the defaulters to be stopped.

The interest still in arrear of sums lent for the poor, to be gathered in.

Lists of prentices to be got in by David Rose, the officer, and the prentice dues to be paid.

Margaret Birle, for cleaning the writers' room, to receive two shillings sterling monthly.

Committee on the case of the poor to report on Wednesday next at 2 o'clock.

5th DECEMBER. List of prentices and fees due to be given in.

The order for payment of a dollar to the measurer of the "lyned room" is renewed.

Mr. James Anderson appointed fiscal to the calling.

12th DECEMBER. On report in reference to petitions from the poor, the treasurer is authorised to make the following payments:—

To Marion Muir, lawful daughter of the late John Muir, W.S., yearly,	£66 13 4
Margaret Nisbett, "oye" to the late John Nisbet, W.S., yearly,	24 00 00
Elspeth Nisbett, daughter to the deceased John Nisbett, and "oye" to the deceased John Nisbett, writer to the signet, yearly,	20 00 00
Margaret Peter, daughter to the deceased John Peter, W.S., yearly,	24 00 00
Margaret Rollo, sister to the late James Rollo, writer in Edinburgh, and her nephew a boy, until further consideration,	24 00 00
Lavisa Borthwick,	66 13 04
Mr. Robert Blair, writer in Edinburgh,	11 00 00
Katherine Hume, relict of Captain Campbell, son to commissar Campbell, W.S.,	05 14 00
Item, poor David Edgar,	04 00 00
Anna Mortoun, relict of umquhill John Fermer, writer in Edinburgh,	04 00 00
Katherine Bruce, relict of Mr. Robert Stewart, minister, a poor woman with eight children, and lately brought to bed of twins,	04 00 00
Elizabeth Vauch, friend to Hugh Cuninghame, besides 4 dollars formerly ordered and now to be paid,	03 00 00
Christina Barclay, relict of William Rae, writer,	04 00 00
Rachael Somerville, spouse to Henry Scott, big with chyld,	02 16 00
John Woodsyde, a blind man,	05 14 00
Widow M'Ildonich, without further application,	05 14 00
Marion Blair, spouse to All. Clieland, writer, without further application,	05 14 00
Poor Isobell Lawson, without etc.,	04 00 00
Poor Margaret Lindsay, on same condition,	05 14 00
Anna Findlayson, relict of William Lithgow, on same condition,	04 00 00
Mary Vauch, relict of Jo. Aitkenhead, on same condition,	05 14 00
Sarah Courtney, do. do.,	04 00 00
Thomas Robertsone, a blind man, without etc.,	04 00 00
Rebecca Turner,	05 16 00
Elizabeth M'Lae,	05 16 00
Andrew Dick,	05 16 00

The first four in the above list are enrolled as pensioners.

22d DECEMBER. Admission of Mr. William Robertson, from the office of Mr. William Stirline.

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2d JANUARY. "Resolved that the pensions be taken under consideration, and reduced to the yearly interest of the stock, and bygone annualrents and house rents to be brought in and added to the stock."

23d JANUARY. John Elliot is suspended for drawing a precept and signing it, off a signature drawn and copied by John M'Farlane.

27th JANUARY. Admission of John Auchterlonie, from the office of Mr. John Guthrie.

4th FEBRUARY. John Elliot reponed.

6th FEBRUARY. Jean Young, daughter of the late Andrew Young, W.S., is allowed £40 Scots till further inquiry.

The treasurer is authorised to pay to William Maxwell, macer, the sum of £20 for the funeral expenses of John Dalgarnoe, a writer.

Charity is also to be given to Arthur Straton, Margaret Burnet, Barbara Hodge, and Margaret Murray, at four dollars each, without further application.

The woman who cleans the rooms is allowed a dollar; and payments are ordered "for buyeing washing rubbers to the rouse, and ane small accompt to ane mason for mending the chimney, a wright for half ane dozen chaires, conforme to ther accompts."

21st FEBRUARY. Commission, appointing Robert Watson to the office of keeper of the signet.

22d FEBRUARY. Alexander Ogilvie of Forglen receives commission as keeper of the signet.

6th MARCH. John Strachan, Duncan Ronald, and Thomas Pringle appointed to consider the stock and pension list; and also to consider the account given in by Mr. Miln, mason.

Petitions for charity from Margaret Watson, Marion Straiton, and others, remitted to the same committee.

Mr. William Thomson, Hugh Cuningham, and John Strachan appointed to consider abuses.

3d APRIL. The treasurer authorised to pay to John Wallace, apothecary, for the use of John Williamson, "ane wryter's son, for buyeing him cloaths, twelve pounds Scots."

1st MAY. The treasurer to pay to William Fisher, son to umquhile William Fisher, writer, 20s. sterling; and the same amount to Margaret Watson, now in the Trinity Hospital.

5th JUNE. John M'Farlane, Mr. William Thomson, John Strachan, and Thomas Pringle appointed a committee for regulating and preventing abuses.

Ten merks added to the officer's fee of £5 sterling yearly.

The pension of Margaret Peter increased to £50 Scots, and the committee to consider her case.

12th JUNE. Proposals for rectifying abuses read and considered, and remitted to a general meeting of the society, to be held the same afternoon.

After debate on the proposals, the vote is deferred to another general meeting on Monday next.

19th JUNE. The draught of the act for regulating abuses amended, and deferred to a general meeting to be held on 26th inst.

26th JUNE. Robert Watson, keeper, Mr. James Elphinstone, Mr. Alexander Hume, John M'Farlane, Mr. William Thomsons, John Strachan, Mr. William Dallas, Duncan Ronald, Thomas Pringle, Hugh Cuninghame, David Ramsay, commissioners.

The draughts of the act for suppressing abuses, read and amended, and remitted to the general meeting in the afternoon.

The act is ingrossed, and is to the effect:—

1. That writers to the signet shall own none as their prentices and servants, but such as are so in very deed; and shall not subscribe any bills or other writ peculiar to writers to the signet, but such as are written by themselves or their servants, except such as shall be subscribed at the instance of brethren writers to the signet.
2. That they shall make no paction for subscribing letters, etc., for less prices than are allowed by the act of regulation 1672, or by any "superveniens act."
3. That they shall receive, at or before delivery of the writs above mentioned, actual payment of their "full dues," and shall not give back the same or any part thereof to their employers, or advance the signet dues, or give any gratification of any sort, whereby the payment of the said full dues may be frustrated.
4. Notwithstanding of the foregoing act, it shall be lawful to them to sign such writs at the instance of the secretaries of state, and their deputies, lords of session, advocates, clerks of session, clerks of the bills, and their deputies, lords and clerks of treasury and exchequer, keepers and writers to the signet, clerks and keepers of the general register of hornings and sasines, macers before the lords of session, privy council, and exchequer, and the writers' own prentices and servants, not being assignees, and those in the poor roll, or writers to the poor, gratis, if they please.

5. It shall be lawful to writers to give drink money to their prentices and servants for writing letters and others for the signet, not exceeding 40 pennies Scots per sheet, and that only if the master thinks fit.
6. For contravening any of the premises for the first fault, suspension for three months to be inflicted, and for the second fault similar suspension and a penalty of £40 Scots: and for the third fault to be deprived simpliciter.
7. For the more exact and punctual observance of the premises, each writer shall, on the second week of each session, compear in the writers' hall, before one or two of the commissioners, with the procurator-fiscal and clerk, and there shall solemnly swear and sign the oath for the observance of this act: the oath and deposition to be inserted in a book to be kept at the signet for that purpose; and the letters of such as fail to depone, to be stopped.
8. The swearing of the said oath shall begin on the second week of November next, and so forth; without prejudice to the fiscal to pursue any who have contravened in time past the former acts.
9. The procurator-fiscal is recommended to make "narrow and diligent search" after all delinquencies and to prosecute the same.
10. That all the present writers to the signet, betwixt and the 10th of July next, and all intrants at their admission, shall sign this act, and if not, their letters shall be stopped. The act to come into force from and after 10th of July next.

"Followes the oath: I, A. B., doe hereby solemnly swear and affirm, in presence of Almighty God, that the above written act is not contravened or transgressed by me in any poynts thereof since the tenth day of July j^m vj^c and ninty-nine years: and this is the truth as I shall answer to God."

The act is subscribed by R. Watsoun and the commissioners, and members of the society.

19th JULY. In presence of the keepers and commissioners, James Elphinstone, Alexander Ogilvie, and nineteen others "consent and agree to the preceding act," with this qualification: That they shall be obliged to give their oaths thereanent only on complaint against them at the instance of the fiscal, relative to the said act for the contravention of the same or any paragraph thereof.

JULY. The act anent the writers giving in a list of their prentices, and paying their due of 10 merks, ratified.

James Brisbane is rebuked for acknowledging James Cleiland as his servant, though he is really servant to Alexander Wilkieson.

Allowances are granted, viz.: To Marjory Abercromby, 4 dollars; to Elizabeth Hume, daughter of the late Andrew Hume, three dollars; to Jean More, relict of James Aitkinhead, W.S., three dollars; to Elizabeth Nicolson, daughter of the late Sir John Nicholson of Tilliecultrie, and relict of Mr. Robert Muirhead, writer in Edinburgh, three dollars.

John Cheisley, called at the fiscal's instance, is fined £40 Scots for transgressing the statutes.

JULY. "Haveing severely rebuked John Cheisley, repone him, and take off and discharge his fyne, the fault being befor the late act."

Mr. William Whyte, sometime schoolmaster at Leith, is allowed £4 Scots.

26th JULY. Commission by James Viscount Seafield and John Lord Carmichael, principal secretaries of state for Scotland, to Mr. James Elphinston, John Lutefoot, Mr. Alexander Hume, Mr. Robert Ritchardson, Robert Watson, John M'Farlane, Mr. William Thomson, John Strachan, John Cuninghame, Robert Carstares, Mr. John Montgomery, Robert Crawford, Charles Row, Mr. James Anderson, Duncan Ronald, Thomas Pringle, Hugh Cuninghame, Mr. David Ramsay, Alexander Glass, and James Baird, writers to the signet, and keepers of the same, to convene at all times necessary, for taking order anent the contravention of their acts, etc. The commission is dated at Edinburgh, 22d July 1699.

Jean Nisbet, daughter of the late Andrew Nisbet, W.S., is allowed 10 dollars in the meantime; and Mary Vauch, relict of John Aitkenhead, three dollars.

The treasurer is authorised to pay £3, 2s. Scots, "for mending and dighting the windows and for strawing to the large room."

7th AUGUST. The report anent the list of pensions, and restriction thereof, presented, and consideration of it deferred till November.

John Eliot, W.S., being "in bade circumstances, and goeing to the Scots collony in Darien to follow some means for his lively-hood," is allowed £100 Scots as supply for "his transportation," with this condition, that during his father's lifetime and exercising of the ministry, nothing shall be given to the said Mr. John, his wife, or children.

Alexander Dunbar's petition to be reponed, though he had been long absent "from his exercising the imployment," as he had now returned and "taken up ane chamber." His petition is granted on condition of his signing the late act, and paying to the treasurer 100 merks as his contribution for "the wryters' house."

A committee of five, with the fiscal, appointed "to consider the overturs anent the visitors, and to form ane act therupon."

Elizabeth Nicol, daughter of the deceased John Nicol, W.S., is allowed £40 Scots "including ther former pension."

Janet Ewing, relict of William Young, writer, is allowed six dollars, and the same amount is "modified" to Grissel Ker, relict of John Innes, writer.

26th AUGUST. Admission of Andrew Halyburtoun, from the office of the late Mr. David Halyburtoun, W.S.

4th SEPTEMBER. Elizabeth Spens, relict of Andrew Martine, writer, is allowed five merks, and discharged from making further application.

Arthur Straitoun, grandchild of the deceased Arthur Stratoun, W.S., is allowed four dollars, and similarly discharged.

Katherine Hume, relict of Captain Daniell Campbell, is allowed £3 Scots.

Committee of four appointed to meet and agree "with a painter and tradesman for warnishing, whytneing and helping the wryters' roum and signet roumes."

Margaret Hamilton, daughter of the late Mr. Robert Hamilton, W.S., is allowed £10 Scots until her case be further considered.

2d OCTOBER. On the desire of Mr. James Anderson, fiscal, another is conjoined with him in the office of fiscal, namely, Alexander Glasse.

Other three members are added to the committee anent the visitors.

16th OCTOBER. The meeting is adjourned for eight days.

23d OCTOBER. The keeper, Robert Watson, and the commissioners, "having met and heard ane act read before them which wes prepared and reported by a comity of ther number, ratifying all former acts anent the visitors of the society made by their predecessors, and the acts made anent keeping of the dyets of the commissioners, with the former acts anent wryters subscribeing of ther bills, and of new enacting these same acts, and appoynting visitors for the society from this date to January 1701 years or longer, until new ones be elected;" the said act was voted and approved.

The said act is engrossed at length, and refers to the act of 22d December 1684, appointing four visitors to concur with the fiscal "to goe through and visit the wryters' chambers, and to have with them the list of booked prenteissis," etc.

7th NOVEMBER. For the purpose of putting the late act to more "summar" execution, a committee, comprising Mr. William Thomson, John Strachan, Mr. John Montgomery, Hugh Cunyngham, Robert Carstairs, and Thomas Pringle, with the two fiscals as "super-numerary," is appointed to draw up "such fitt interrogators as are most consonant to the act to be proposed to the wryters when they depone."

Mr. David Ramsay, treasurer, because "of the multiplicity of his affairs," being desirous of resigning the office of treasurer, John Lutefutt, one of the commissioners, is unanimously chosen to the office, and a committee is appointed to audit the accounts.

8th NOVEMBER. In presence of both keepers, and the whole commissioners, the "interrogators" being reported by the committee, and read, a "double" thereof is ordered to be laid on the table at the signet, that they may be seen.

13th SEPTEMBER [? NOVEMBER]. The persons mentioned in the visitors' report are to be prosecuted.

The "interrogators" are approved; and John Lutefutt, John M'Farlane, Mr. William Thomson, John Strachan, Robert Carstairs, Mr. John Montgomerie, Robert Crawford, Charles Row, Duncan Ronald, and Hugh Cuninghame, or any of them, or of the other commissioners, with one or both of the fiscals, are appointed to take the oaths and depositions of the whole writers to the signet who have signed the aforesaid act, "upon the saids interrogators this week."

John Inglis, having been cited to answer for signing unwarrantable letters, and failing to compear, is suspended.

14th NOVEMBER. On complaint by the fiscals against the said John Inglis for the letters, and also "for opprobrious language against Mr. James Anderson, procurator-

fiscall," and the acknowledgement thereof by the accused, he is fined in the sum of £10 Scots; and payment being instantly made, his suspension is taken off.

4th DECEMBER. Alexander Ogilvie of Forglen, keeper.

The letters of those who have not deponed, to be stopped.

On petition by Thomas M'Dowall, he is allowed £40 Scots.

The keeper is recommended to speak with the dean of faculty of advocates "to injoin ther barr keeper to more punctual observance of his duty, by debarring and keeping out all persons not privileged by acts of sederunt to come within the advocates' bar."

James Dalrymple, the said barr keeper, is granted, on petition, an addition of 50 merks to his former salary.

John Strachan, being challenged for unwarrantable letters, which he confesses, but pleads inadvertence, and offers two dollars to the poors' box, is ordained to pay the same; and the treasurer is ordered to hand over the money to "William Gibb, ane supplicant for charity."

Several petitions for charity are remitted for consideration.

5th DECEMBER. Admission of Patrick Scott, from the office of the late Robert Innes.

Admission of Alexander Innes, from the office of Mr. Robert Innes, his brother. On the margin this note occurs: "This commission not being taken out, nor the dues paid therefore, the said Alexander Innes is declared by ane act dated 2d September 1700, to be no more writer to the signet, nor to have any privilege that way, untill he take out his commission and pay the dues."

6th DECEMBER. Admission of Andrew Sutherland, from the office of the late Robert Watson.

11th DECEMBER. Admission of George Suity, from the office of John Cuningham.

18th DECEMBER. Before Alexander Ogilvie of Forglen, keeper, and the commissioners, a commission by John, Lord Carmichael, conjunct secretary of state for Scotland, is produced, in favour of Robert Kennedy of Auchtefordell, appointing him to the office of keeper of the signet, now vacant. The commission is dated at London, 24th November 1699.

29th DECEMBER. Admission of Archibald Houstoun, from the office of Robert Carstairs.

1700.

1st JANUARY. Alexander Ogilvie of Forglen, and Robert Kennedy of Auchtefordell, keepers, etc.

The committee on petitions for charity to meet in the afternoon.

The treasurer is ordered to "cause put stanchers, glass, and tirlies in the window of the outer house, as also to cause oyle the wainscott and wash the rooff of their own room, and to buy four fashionable candlesticks for their own use, and snuffers and snuff dishes conforme."

The treasurer is to pay half a crown for book lately bought for the writers' depositions.

On petition, forty pounds Scots are modified to Kathrin Forrester, and twenty pounds to Janet Osburn.

2d JANUARY. The committee on petitions report as follows, as to the sums to be granted:—

To Elizabeth Nicolson,	£4 Scots.
„ Margaret and Elizabeth Douglas betwixt them,	4 „
„ Robert Blair,	5 dollars.
Grizell Ker to instruct her bill.	
To Mary Grieve, relict of Mr. James Stewart, minister,	1 „
„ Margaret Lindsay,	$\frac{1}{2}$ „
„ Marion Home,	40 shillings.
Bethia Hamilton to instruct her bill.	
To Widow M'Ildounie,	1 dollar.
„ Elizabeth M'Ala,	1 „
„ Janet Ewing,	2 „
„ Rebecca Douglas,	40 shillings.
„ Sarah Courtney,	40 „
„ Margaret Watson,	1 dollar.
„ Agnes Riddell,	2 „
„ Robert Anderson,	2 „
„ Elizabeth Waugh,	3 „
„ Rebecca Turner, the £4 formerly ordered.	
Janet Nisbet to instruct; Margaret Murray to instruct; Jean More, relict of — Aikenhead, to instruct.	
To Thomas Robertson, a blind man,	2 dollars.

17th JANUARY. Report on charities approved and payment ordered.

Complaint by the fiscals against Patrick Home, W.S., is not sustained because in general terms.

John Chiesly being cited, and not compearing, his letters are stopped.

31st JANUARY. It is appointed that all letters passing the signet be duly “waxed and ringed,” and inquiry is to be made for “a person who will furnish good and sufficient wax.”

William Jenkieson, writer in the horning chamber, “who has discovered the forging of the signet,” is to receive two dollars.

“There being ane horning raised by Mr. William Stirling, wryter to the signet, at the instance of George Gordon, sometime in Lochishmuir, against George Mitchell, merchant in Newburgh, for payment of the sume of seventy-one pound principall, twenty pound of expenses and annualrents contained in ane bond, dated the 8th of June 1698, and registrat in the books of council and session upon the 18th of July 1699, which horneing appears to be forged as to the signet upon the third day of August last, whereas, by ocular inspection, it evidently appears that the said letters are not signet by Walter Taylor, then signeter of letters his hand, nor is there any

record made thereof in the signet book : and Mr. William Stirling and John Graham, the wryter of the letters, and William Robertson, his servants, being examined, they declaired that John Graham was imployed by John Cruickshank, a servant in the said Mr. William Stirling, his chamber, to wryte the said letters, and that John Graham procured his master's subscription to them, and kepted them till Cruickshanks should pay the dues of subscryving ; but he haveing brought him a token from Mr. William Stirling, which the said Mr. Stirling declares was a false token, Cruickshanks gott up the letters from John Graham unsignet ; and by papers produced wryten by Cruickshank, it appears that the false mark of the signet of the letters resembles much the said Cruickshanks his hand wryte : Lykeas, the said Mr. William Stirling and his said two servants declair that since the discovery of this forgery the said Cruickshanks has absconded, and has not been seen about the chamber. The commissioners recomend to the keepers to acquaint the president of the session and his majesty's advocat with this affair, that they may give necessar orders thereant."

14th FEBRUARY. John Cheisly having been called, and the complaint against him read and considered, with the depositions of witnesses, and answers thereto by the said John, and also having considered his behaviour before them, the keepers and commissioners still appoint his letters to be stopped ; and the keeper is desired to wait upon the Viscount of Seafield, secretary, with the complaint, etc., and to represent that they consider he ought to be deprived.

4th MARCH. The complaint against George Dallas for unwarrantable letters having been considered, the letters are found to be warrantable.

Margaret Hamilton, daughter of the late Mr. Robert Hamilton, W.S., is granted a pension of £48 yearly.

On petition from Isobell Garvin, the treasurer is appointed to pay her salary quarterly, and to pay her 20 merks at present.

Janet Learmont, relict of George Sibbald, W.S., is allowed £30 on account of arrears of salary.

Janet Blair, daughter of Gawin Blair, W.S., to receive her salary quarterly.

Petitions for charity remitted to the committee, to which two members are added.

25th MARCH. The keepers and commissioners having met "at the earnest desire of John Cheisly to reconsider his affair, he compeared and declaired he was not ready to give in his representation." The case is continued.

"Mrs. Straton's bill to be considered by the committy, and to take tryall of her condition if she has any means of subsistance otherwayes."

1st APRIL. John Cheisly's case continued.

3d APRIL. Having considered the petition given in by John Cheisly, "they, befor answer, recomend to John M'Farlane, Robert Craufurd, and Hugh Cuninghame, to inquire anent the said John Cheisley's takeing away the key of Sir James Dalrymple's chamber, at the tyme of the late fire in the Parliament Closs, and of his exacting money before he would give it back ; as alsoe to inquire anent the vitiating the deliverance of a bill of suspension at the bill chamber, and for presenting

ane bond of cautionrie subscrivit by ane person then in Caledonia, both which are allegeat against him; and to make report against their nixt meeting."

28th MAY. The keepers and commissioners having considered a petition given in by John Cheisly, W.S., "they take off the suspension against him and repone him to the exercise of his imployment," "reserving the consideration of all bygone complaints with their conveniency."

28th JUNE. Admission of William Alves, from the office of William Russell.

8th JULY. Having heard an act anent supply and pensions to their poor read in their presence, the keepers and commissioners remit to John Lutepute, John Cuningham, Duncan Ronald, Mr. James Anderson, Mr. William Cheisly, Mr. John Guthrie, and Daniel Simpson, to consider their former acts in relation to this matter, and to report on first Monday of August.

15th JULY. Isobell Garvin receives 20 merks of her pension in advance.
Mr. John Nisbet and John Ochterlony to be cited to answer to a complaint.
Admission of Sir Alexander Hamilton of Haggs as writer to the signet.

22d JULY. John Ochterlony suspended.

Mr. John Nisbet, compearing, acknowledged that he was clerk to an incorporation before he was admitted writer to the signet, and for some time thereafter, but being now willing to enact himself not to officiate in that way to any incorporation, he is reponed.

25th JULY. At a general meeting, a committee of nine is appointed to meet with the magistrates of Edinburgh, "and see that none of the members of the society be wronged in laying on of the stent for the king's cess."

5th AUGUST. Having considered a petition for the episcopal clergy, the keepers and commissioners "appoynt a voluntar contribution through the whole wryters to the signet of such gratuity as they shall think fitt."

Consideration of report anent the poor is continued.

16th AUGUST. Admission of Robert Erskine, from the office of Robert Watson.

19th AUGUST. Admission of Charles Bell, lawful son of umquhile — Bell, W.S., from the office of the late William Dykes.

2d SEPTEMBER. Alexander Innes, formerly admitted, is declared to be no writer to the signet until he shall take out his commissions and pay the dues.

Order is given for payment of tradesmen's accounts for work done at the signet office.

Elizabeth Williamson, daughter of Thomas Williamson, W.S., is allowed £20.

The treasurer is ordered to pay to Louisa Borthwick, spouse of Andrew Aitcheson, "what she wants of her former precept of sixty pounds Scots, not exceeding twenty-four pounds Scots."

A "voluntar" contribution is appointed to be made "throw the whole wryters," for Thomas M'Dougall, writer.

18th OCTOBER. Accounts of tradesmen for putting up "stenchers" in the windows of the "wryters' court," etc., reported on, and payment ordered.

21st OCTOBER. The committee on the poor to consider the "draught of the act anent the poor of the calling, and the reports of the former committee thereanent," also to consider the payments, and lists of pensions, and to report in November.

11th NOVEMBER. Committee on poor continued.

On consideration of petition from George Manson, barber in Edinburgh, nephew to the deceased Sarah and Jean Manson, daughters of the late Andrew Manson, W.S., the sum of £60 is modified to the petitioner in satisfaction of the bygone pensions due to the said Sarah and Jean at the time of their death; and of the sum of four dollars formerly modified for defraying "the funerall" of the said Sarah Manson.

On petition from John Williamson, son of the late Thomas Williamson, W.S., three of the members are appointed to take "tryall of his circumstances and good behaviour," and to report.

2d DECEMBER. Committee on poor continued.

The keepers and commissioners modify to Janet Nisbet and Margaret Rollo, two dollars each, and one dollar to Thomas Robertson.

30th DECEMBER. A general meeting appointed for the following Thursday.

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2d JANUARY. "The keepers and commissioners and whole body of the wryters to the signet having considered that the advocats haveing deleted that clause of their act offered to the parliament relateing to the agents, they recommend to Mr. William Thomson, John Cuninghame, Hugh Cuninghame, Mr. James Anderson, Charles Menzies, Archibald Houstoun, Sir Alexander Hamiltoun, and Mr. Alexander Dunbar, to return thanks to the faculty of advocates for soe doing, as also to observe the motions of the agents for getting their act passed, and to negotiate that affair in order to the opposition therof."

10th JANUARY. "The keeper Robert Kennedy, commissioners, and whole body of the wryters to the signet, haveing considered the draught of ane act to be offered to the parliament by the agents, for erecting them in a society and members of the college of justice, they all unanimously resolve to oppose the passing of the said act; and for that effect appoynt the committee above named to consult lawiers and to draw reasons to be offered to the parliament against the passing of the said act, and add to the said committee John M'Farlane, Mr. William Stirling, Colin Campbell, Ronald Campbell, Commissar Alves, or any other the committee shall call to their assistance in manadgeing the said affair; and they all unanimously agree that each of them will contribute ten shillings sterling towards the defraying the charges thereof, and appoynt the same to be paid to Mr. James Anderson, appoynted collector thereof, at his chamber within twentie-four hours."

21st JANUARY. "The keepers, commissioners, and hail body of the wryters have unanimously agreed that the lords of session shall be addressed for their assistance in imposing [*sic*, ?opposing] the passing of the act offered by the agents to the parliament, and appoynt the wryters afternamed, viz., commissar Elphinstoun, Hugh Cuningham, John Cuningham, John M'Farlane, Mr. James Anderson, Mr. William Thomson, Alexander Glasse, and with them any other of the bretherin that pleases, to meet to-morrow morning at nine o'clock, and such other tymes thereafter as they amongst themselves shall appoynt, until they have fully spokk with all the lords and informed them of the matter; and the said committie is to give ane account of their diligence at the nixt meeting."

29th JANUARY. Admission of Robert Wallace of Holmstoun, from the office of Robert Crawford.

3d FEBRUARY. Admission of John Lumsdean, from the office of Mr. William Thompson.

12th FEBRUARY. Admission of Patrick Anthone, from the office of the late James Carnegy.

14th MARCH. The treasurer is authorised to pay £100 to John Cuningham of Ballendaloch, one of their number, for defraying the funeral charges of Isobell Grahame, relict of Mr. James Cuningham, W.S.

The commissioners to meet on Monday next for election of a clerk to the calling.

17th MARCH. A committee of seven appointed "to consider their records how far the keepers and commissioners or whole body of the wryters have been in use of choiseing their clark," and in the meantime Walter Taylor and John Stewart, under keepers of the signet, are named as clerks.

Elizabeth Foothie, relict of John Elliot, W.S., is allowed a pension of 100 merks yearly for life.

The treasurer is authorised to pay £24 Scots to John Wallace, apothecary in Edinburgh, on account of John Williamson, son of the late Thomas Williamson, W.S., "for buyeing a suite of cloaths for the said John Williamson."

The treasurer to pay to Robert Cuninghame, under clerk of the session, £5 Scots, as the writers' proportion for the ravell of the stair to the writters' court," paid out by him.

21st APRIL. On petition of Robert Watson, writer in Edinburgh, the treasurer is authorised to pay £40 Scots, in full of all bygone pensions and expenses of the funerall of Isobell Garvine, relict of William Chambers, W.S.

The treasurer is ordered to pay "to Margaret Burrell (who dresses their rooms) the whole bygons of her pension."

6th JUNE. Mr. Arthur Forbes, writer to the signet, having produced a warrant from the lords secretaries, appointing him one of the commissioners, is received, and the warrant entered on the minutes.

16th JUNE. Eight of the commissioners are appointed "to wait upon and treat with the stent masters of Edinburgh anent the cases of cess to be granted to the members of the colledge of justice."

On report from the committee "anent the poor pensioners, reducing their pensions," John Eliot's relict is appointed "to succeed to the relict of Mr. James Cuninghame's pension," only to the extent of 100 merks; Isobell Straiton is allowed £40; the keepers of the parliament house to have five dollars yearly as before, and Robert Monro, officer, £50 Scots; and the woman that dresses the rooms five rex dollars.

Lists of apprentices and servants to be given in to the under keepers of the signet this week.

14th JULY. William Patton is reponed.

Admission of William Edmonstoun, from the office of Charles Row.

21st JULY. "A petition for the apprentices and servants to the wreitthers and other wreittars in Edinburgh, craveing ane recommendation to the lords of session, read, and being putt to the vote recommend or not, and (passed) in the affirmative."

17th NOVEMBER. Report of the committee on the poor lists read and approved.

On petition for John Gourlay, writer, he is allowed 100 merks on his wife's receipt.

Committee appointed to consider the proposals given in by the dean of faculty and advocates anent regulating the abuses committed by the deacons of and others in Edinburgh.

Admission of John Stewart, from the office of Daniel Simpson.

24th NOVEMBER. A meeting of the whole body of writers appointed for to-morrow.

25th NOVEMBER. A committee of thirteen appointed "to bring in a draught of ane address to his majesty against the next meeting."

Admission of Robert Campbell, from the office of John Cuningham.

28th NOVEMBER. The draught of address to the king approved.

1st DECEMBER. "In presence of the keepers and commissioners and whole body of the wreitthers to the signet, the address to his majesty upon the present junctier was again read, and signed by the keepers, commissioners, and wholl body of the wreitthers present," and thereafter the keepers were recommended to transmit the same to the lords secretaries of state for presentation to the king.

Fourteen members absent from the meeting are fined £3 Scots each.

"Mr. James Anderson represented that Hugh Cuningham had propauled to privie counsellors and others what past in the committee anent the preparing of the address, with censure and reflection; and the said Hugh Cuninghame haveing owned the same in face of the generall meeting, declaired he wes ready to answer when any complaint was given against him."

18th DECEMBER. Admission of Mr. James Ure, from the office of John Cuningham.

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2d MARCH. Liliash Borthwick, relict of Andrew Aitchison, W.S., is allowed 200 merks.

A payment by the treasurer of £4 sterling for the funeral charges of James Learmount, pensioner, is approved.

A list of "deficients" in reference to the payment of 10s. sterling for opposing the agents' act in the last session of parliament, is given up, and their letters are to be stopped until they pay.

5th MARCH. The keepers of the laigh parliament house to be paid their usual salary.

9th FEBRUARY. Admission of Mr. Henry Scrimzieur, from the office of Mr. John Montgomery.

13th FEBRUARY. Admission of Alexander Cuninghame.

17th JUNE. Appointment of William Douglas of Dornock to be keeper of the signet.

13th JUNE. Admission of Mr. George Adie, from the office of Mr. Thomas Pringle.

20th JULY. Commission in favour of Sir James Elphinston, John M'Farlan, Mr. William Thomson, John Strachan, Mr. John Montgomery, Thomas Pringle, Hugh Cuningham, John Lutfutt, John Cuningham, Robert Carstairs, Charles Row, James Baird, Alexander Glass, Mr. William Dallas, William Alves, Colin Campbell, Mr. Arthur Forbes, Patrick Home, Ronald Campbell, Robert Wallace, writers to the signet, and keepers of the same, as commissioners "for the good of the calling."

A list of prentices appointed to be given in, and their duty of 10 merks to be paid.

30th JULY. Committee appointed to audit the accounts.

Admission of George Renton, from the office of the deceased Mr. Alexander Home.

16th NOVEMBER. John Lutfutt, treasurer, appointed to give in his accounts for audit, and the fiscal to uplift the prentice dues.

It is ordained to be recorded in the books that the treasurer has received 300 merks from John Grant, writer, which was left by — Alexander, son of John Alexander, W.S.; the money is to be added to the stock, and the treasurer is "to cause make a broad for affixing the said — Alexander's name and soume thereon in guild letters."

Admission of Andrew Marjoribanks, from the office of James Hay of Carribber.

10th DECEMBER. Admission of Patrick Murray, from the office of the late William Forrester.

1703.

23d JANUARY. Committee for auditing the accounts to meet on Monday next at six o'clock p.m.

25th JANUARY. Sederunt, John Cuninghame, Patrick Home, John Lutefutt, Thomas Pringle, Mr. David Ramsay, Mr. William Thomson, John Strachan, Robert Wallace, being the committee on accounts, with the late and present treasurers, Mr. William Thomson *preses*.

1^{mo} The committee approve of the report given in by Thomas Pringle, of his treasurership, and grant discharge.

2^{do} Having considered Mr. David Ramsay's accounts, the committee find it vouched except "the article of £348, 6s. 8d. Scots given up by him as an article of his discharge due by John M'Farlane, by an accepted bill drawn by Mr. Pringle the former treasurer upon him, and payable to Mr. Ramsay. The committee are of opinion that the same cannot now be received, because the precept is dated in November 1699, and accepted payable on sight, and the bill not being negotiat, Master David Ramsay should compt for and pay the same, with annualrent since it fell due, reserving him actione against Mr. John M'Farlane."

"3th The committee lykeways finds that Master David Ramsay has given up my Lord Lindors' bond and diligence to Master Lutefutt without any order; and that Master Lutefutt hath given up the principall soume and annualrents since the 13th day of October 1699, and therefor it is the committie's oppinion that Master Ramsay either compt for the same, or procure Mr. Lutefutt's bond, with a sufficient cautioner for principall and annualrents in one principall soume bearing annualrent from Candlesmes 1703."

"4th They also find the bonds and dilligence due by Livingstoune, wherein Burnbank is cautioner, are given up by Master Ramsay upon Burnbank's receipt, and that therfor ther should be a new security granted both for principall and annualrents, to be accumulat, bearing annualrent from Candlesmes 1703, or other-ways to reproduce the papers betuixt and the said terme."

"5th As to the article of his discharge of Mr. David Lyon's bond for 100 merks, payable Candlesmes 1699, upon which noe dilligence is done, the committee remits the same to the commissioners."

"6th They find lykeways that Master Lutefutt does not compt for the rent of the house since Whitsunday 1700; and both the secretaries that were in office at that tyme being now removed, the committy remits to the commissioners to determine how farr Master Lutefutt should be lyable."

"7^{mo} The committie having also considered the state of the affairs of the calling, both as to the stock and pensiones, and other extraneous charity, they find that the stock is diminished, and the rolls of charitie augmented, and therefor are of

opinion that all bygone pensiones and charities not already payed should be rescinded, and a new list or roll of the poor made, and to commence from Martymas last, and to be paid quarterly, the first quarter within a month after Candlesmes next in respect ther is noe ready money now in the treasurer's hands."

"8^o There being a balance of the wryters' admisione money in John Stewart's hands, and pairtly in the hands of the wryters lately admitted, and 300 merks lately payed in to Mr. Lutefutt by John Grant, for Master Alexander's legacie left to the calling, that therfor, for augmenting the stock, these soumes be made up in a principall soume, and lent out upon securitie for the use of the calling."

"9^o That for the better inbringing and paying the admisione money, either of such wryters already admitted and not payed, or of the intrants, that ther be ane act made stopeing the letters of such as are deficient, till payment be made, and recommending to the keepers and their deputes that they give not out any commissiones of the intrant wryters in tyme comeing till they produce a receipt under the treasurer's hand, bearing that admisione money to be payed."

"10^{mo} In respect the stock is small, and the poor of the calling numerous, that therfor ther be ane act made dischargeing the intrant wryters of any expences of drinking or otherwayes at the examinatione and admisione; and that in place of the hundred and sixty-six pounds threttein shillings and four pennies now payable by them for the poor, and the house, that the same be augmented, and be two hundred pounds Scots in all tyme comeing; and that the samen shall within three months after the theasurer's receiving therof be lent out upon annualrent, and converted to a principall soume, till the stock once come to such a soume as the commissioners shall think fitt."

"11^{mo} That for the better augmenting and preserving the stock, ther be ane act made, that it shall not be in the power of any theasurer to break the principall soume already due, nor to apply any of the said admisione money in tyme comeing otherwayes but upon annualrent, as said is; and that nothing shall be uplifted nor applied for paying pensiones or charities except the annualrents of the said principall soumes, and the annualrents of the admisione money, with the ten merks payable by the prentices, and the house rent yearly, after deduceing the publick burdens and reparations."

"12^{mo} It is the opinion of the committy that the most part of the debtors bound in their bonds being dead, that therfor the samen be all renewed with sufficient securities."

"13^{io} The committy are of opinion that those who have not payed their admisione money should grant bond for the same, bearing annualrent from the first terme after their admisione, otherwayes pay in their money at Candlesmes nixt 1703."

"14^{to} It is also the opinion of the committy that the treasurer hereafter shall only continue for two years in office, and that he clear his accompts yearly."

29th JANUARY. The committee's report, as above, being received, the keeper

and commissioners approve the discharge to Thomas Pringle; approve the second article, with this alteration, either to pay or procure Mr. M'Farlane's bond, bearing annualrent since the money fell due payable at Whitsunday next; as to the third article, John Lutfutt is found liable, and is ordained to grant bond for the amount with interest from Candlemass next, with an assignation to the Viscount of Dupplin's debt for further security; the fourth article is approved; as to the fifth article, it is remitted to the treasurer for the time to call for it; as to the sixth article, it is remitted to the next treasurer to call for the money; the seventh article is approved; they refuse to sustain the eighth article; the ninth article is approved; the tenth is referred to next meeting, and the other articles are approved.

(On the margin occurs the note, "Patrik Home named thesaurer.")

5th MARCH. John M'Farlane is to be discharged upon payment of the balance due by him.

Andrew Aitchieson's relict is to receive 200 merks, "formerly allowed her for burying of her husband."

The committee on the poor is continued.

John Lutfut's servant is allowed to keep the ten merks payable by him to the poor, "for wryteing his master's accompts."

William Menzies ordained to make a list of such prentice dues as were paid in John Lutfut's time, and to give up what he has received to the treasurer.

Mr. David Ramsay's letters "to be stopped until he clear his accompts."

7th APRIL. Mr. Patrick Home, treasurer, is ordained to pay to Mr. David Ramsay £111, as the balance of his accounts, at Whitsunday next, and to grant him a discharge.

"The whole writers to the signet to be lyable for their apprentices' and servants' ten merks, commencing from June next," and the act of 1694 thereanent is renewed.

John Alexander's pension is augmented to £80 Scots "in respect he is the only living wryter upon charity."

26th JULY. Kenneth M'Kenzie of Cromerty, produces a commission under the hand of George, Viscount of Tarbert, and is received keeper of the signet.

Thomas Inglis, keeper of the parliament house, successor to James Dalrymple, who died in January 1702, is allowed £100 Scots as his salary, from Whitsunday 1702 to Whitsunday last.

24th JULY. Admission of Mr. Alexander Farquharson, from the office of Alexander Alison.

22d NOVEMBER. Sir Alexander Hamilton and Robert Campbell are added to the number of commissioners.

John Alexander is allowed 100 merks besides his ordinary pension.

William Menzies, "clerk to the ten merks," is appointed to account for his intromissions, and to put the acts for gathering in the dues to execution.

Robert Campbell appointed fiscal for the year.

Diligence is ordered against John Lutfut for his bond.

"Ordaines tuo dollars to be paid to Mr. William Gib, out of the secret fund to

be discovered by Ballindalloch, and other tuo dollars to be given to Elizabeth Wauch, relict of William Cuninghame, writer."

24th NOVEMBER. John Lutefutt craves delay, and is allowed till Candlemas next.

6th DECEMBER. John Cheisley, to be cited on complaint of malversation given in against him by John Johnstoun, one of the keepers of the parliament house.

13th DECEMBER. The treasurer having reported the amount of what was collected "of the ten merks" by William Menzies of Raes, formerly collector thereof, and that the said William still had in his hands £200, the keepers and commissioners ordain the treasurer to allow the said William Menzies to retain £100 of the balance, "for his paynes and trouble of collecting."

John Chiesley is suspended *simpliciter*, for charging John Johnstoun upon a horning raised and signed by himself.

Lists of prentices ordained to be given in and their dues to be paid.

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6th MARCH. Sederunt, William Douglas of Dornock, keeper, Mr. William Thomsone, Arthur Forbes, Peter Home, Robert Wallace, William Alves, John Cuninghame, Sir Alexander Hamilton, John M'Farlane.

On petition from the friends of the late Mr. Peter Arbuthnot, one of their own number, the keeper and commissioners allow the treasurer to advance £100 Scots to defray the funeral expenses of the said Mr. Peter.

8th MARCH. Admission of Patrick Comrie, writer in Edinburgh.

18th MARCH. Admission of William Innes, from the office of Mr. Robert Innes.

20th JULY. Admission of Patrick M'Dowall, from the office of Hary Nicoll.

28th JULY. Mr. John Plenderleith reponed to the office of writer to the signet. Order given for payment of repairs upon "the presses in the trance" and "in the rooms where the warrands of the signets lye."

Intrant writers are ordained to report the treasurer's receipt for the house dues and the poors' money "before any such writer can have a remitt from the keepers for his examination."

Lists of prentices again ordered.

On petition from Mr. Robert Monteith, he is allowed 50 merks.

On petition from John Cheisley, he is reponed on paying 50 merks to the poor, with certification "that if anywayes hereafter he shall malverse he shall be *simpliciter* depryved."

William Paton to be cited on a complaint of subscribing letters under the price allowed by the acts.

John Knox cited for the same fault, and, not compearing, his letters are stopped.

Andrew Haliburton cited for contravening the acts.

21st JULY. Admission of John Ewing, from the office of — Cuninghame of Enterkin.

15th SEPTEMBER. Admission of Thomas Boyes, from the office of Mr. David Balcanquhall.

At a general meeting anent the valuation of the writers in the cess books, a committee of four is appointed to meet with the stent masters to regulate the valuation.

The treasurer appointed to write to "my lord secretary" for an order upon his lordship's doers "for what money he is to order for the calling."

"They also appoynt the theasurer to putt up a broad with the names of all the writers that did contribute to the buying of the house, and what sounes were advanced by each of them for that end, and that their name and sounes be written in gold letters.

Thomas Boyes is allowed to give his bond for the dues of the house and poor.

"Alexander M'Leod, under keeper of the signet, haveing also gott a commissione from the lord secretary to be a writer to the signet, wes also admitted, and he is discharged to wryte or subscryve any bill or letters or others that pass the signet whyle he continue under keeper."

The relict of George Renton, W.S., is allowed £100 Scots, "for charity."

— SEPTEMBER. Sederunt, The Earl of Cromerty, secretary of state, Sir Kenneth M'Kenzie, keeper, Ronald Campbell, etc.

"The lord secretary told he wes glade to have ane opportunity of meiting with the writers in this place, and desyred to know wherin he could be assisting for the good of the calling in the statione he wes in. To which the commissioners present returned his lordship thanks in the name of the calling."

The treasurer having represented that the laird of Houstoun was offered by John Lutfutt as security of the money owing by him to the society, is ordered to lend the money to the laird of Houstoun on his own bond, and "some other responsall person in Edinburgh."

15th SEPTEMBER. Admission of Alexander M'Leod, writer in Edinburgh.

20th OCTOBER. Admission of Charles Chalmers, from the office of Mr. William Thomson.

23d OCTOBER. Admission of John Rose, from the office of Mr. William Thomson.

28th NOVEMBER. Sederunt, John Lutfutt, chosen president, John Cuninghame, Mr. John Montgomrie, Alexander Glass, Mr. Arthur Forbes, Mr. William Thomsons, Ronald Campbell, John M'Farlane, Patrick Home, William Alves, James Baird, Mr. William Dallas.

Sir William Kerr of Greenhead received as keeper of the signet, on commission from the Earl of Roxburgh, conjunct secretary of state for Scotland.

Sir Alexander Ogilvie of Forglen received as keeper of the signet, on commission from James, Earl of Seafield, conjunct secretary of state for Scotland.

Complaint against Alexander Farquharson remitted to a committee.

1705.

29th JANUARY. Admission of John Stewart, from the office of Mr. William Dallas.

22d FEBRUARY. A petition from John Cheisley for the discharge of his fine of 50 merks granted.

A petition of the ministers of the episcopal persuasion, read and granted.

Anna Finlayson, relict of William Lithgow, writer, Janet Nisbet, and Janet Nicoll are allowed £12 Scots each.

7th MARCH. Admission of George Wilkie, from the office of Mr. John Wilkie.

On petition from Mr. Mathew Campbell, brother of the late Margaret Campbell, relict of Hugh Archibald, W.S., the sum of £40 Scots is allowed for the funeral expenses of the said Mrs. Archibald.

16th MARCH. Sir Gilbert Elliot of Minto, advocate, received keeper of the signet on commission from William, Marquis of Annandale, secretary.

14th MAY. Admission of Mr. Robert Hepburn, from the office of John M'Farlane.

7th JUNE. Admission of Rodger Oswald, from the office of Mr. Thomas Aikman.

15th JUNE. Approbation of an act to the effect that every intrant writer to the signet shall pay 250 merks at his admission, in place of the £3 Scots yearly, and the former dues for the "lodging" and for the poor.

John Dalrymple and James Drummond, under keepers of the signet, are chosen conjunct clerks to the society.

16th JUNE. Mr. George Dalrymple, advocate, admitted keeper of the signet, on commission of Hugh, Earl of Loudon, secretary.

29th JUNE. Sir Walter Pringle, advocate, admitted keeper of the signet, on commission from William, Marquis of Annandale.

"Poor Janet M'Aulay" is allowed ten merks for her present necessity, "whyle they should fall upon some method to provyde further for her."

17th JULY. The treasurer, Patrick Home, is allowed to renew the security for a debt that was due by "the deceast Saltcoats" and Alexander Aikenhead, W.S., to the society; and to take a bond from Mr. John Menzies, advocate, and Mr. James Baillie, W.S., therefor.

10th AUGUST. Admission of Robert Fullarton, from the office of Adam Fullarton.

A committee of seven appointed to "waite upon the toun of Edinburgh stent-masters to see justice done to such of the society as are landlords."

On complaint by George Cockburn that the under keepers "keep up his letters for ten merks," a general meeting is appointed for Tuesday next to consider the matter.

— Home, relict of William Moodie, writer, is allowed £30 for her present supply.

21st AUGUST. A general meeting in the laigh parliament house. Absents fined half a crown each.

The act appointing intrants to pay for the use of the poor 100 merks, instead of the £3 formerly paid, approved. [On the margin the amount is stated at 250 merks.]

A committee of eight appointed to examine the treasurer's books.

It is enacted that "all wryters' prentices, both menial servants that write letters and others, pay ten merks to the poor of the society, and that the under keepers stop all letters till the saids ten merks be payed."

Remitted to the aforesaid committee "to speak with the clerk of the bills, that abuses be not further committed in keeping up bills."

4th OCTOBER. Mr. James Erskine, advocate, is received keeper of the signet, on commission from John, Earl of Mar, his brother.

5th OCTOBER. Admission of James Drummond, from the office of Ronald Campbell.

15th OCTOBER. Admission of Mr. John Thomsone, from the office of Robert Carstairs.

12th NOVEMBER. Sir James Elphinstone, John M'Farlane, Mr. William Thomsone, Mr. John Montgomery, Thomas Pringle, John Lutfutt, John Cuninghame, Charles Row, James Baird, Alexander Glass, Mr. William Dallas, William Alves, Colin Campbell, Mr. Arthur Forbes, Patrick Home, Ronald Campbell, Sir Alexander Hamilton, Robert Campbell, Mr. James Anderson, Hugh Somervell, Patrick Scott, John Stewart, Alexander Cuninghame, Mr. William Stirling, and Robert Wallace are appointed commissioners.

On petition from John Alexander, W.S., he is allowed £20 Scots for present supply.

16th NOVEMBER. John Knox, W.S., is allowed £29 Scots.

7th DECEMBER. The treasurer is allowed to pay £100 Scots to James Low, writer, towards defraying the funeral expenses of the deceased John Knox, W.S.

The officer, Robert Monro, is ordered to cite William Paton and Alexander Fyfe, for malversation.

17th DECEMBER. The aforesaid complaint is continued.

The report of the committee on the treasurer's accounts to lie in the clerk's hands until the general meeting "at the Wryters' Court," to be called for Monday next.

Patrick Scott and John Stewart are received as commissioners.¹

21st DECEMBER. Alexander Fyfe is suspended for three months, for signing letters and other signet papers "under the pryces" contained in the act of 26th June 1699. William Paton's case is continued.

24th DECEMBER. The treasurer's accounts are ordered "to ly in the clerk's hands;" and a committee is appointed "to state" the said accounts, and prepare draught of discharge.

The treasurer is authorised to pay to Gilbert Kirkcoun £25, 14s. "for the society's saisine of their house."

1706.

12th JANUARY. Admission of William Murray, from the office of Alexander Glass.

21st JANUARY. Alexander Fyfe is reponed.

The accounts of Patrick Home, treasurer, are sustained, and he is continued in the office.

The treasurer is allowed to pay to his servants £20 Scots "for their wryting his accompts and wryting to the poor, and other services in relation to the poor" for three years preceding.

A committee is appointed "to reconsider the present roll of the poor."

On petition from John Alexander, W.S., craving "such a present allowance as they judged proper for his age and degree," he is allowed £46, 13s. 4d. yearly as his settled pension."

The treasurer's accounts are stated, approved, and registered; the amount of the stock, as at Candlemas 1703, being £18,556, 13s. 0d. The sum of the discharge is £17,940, 1s. 8d.

The report of the committee of auditors, with the discharge of the treasurer, are also recorded.

"The keeper and commissioners being informed that there are severall of their wryts and papers in the hands of James Baird and Mr. David Ramsay, they ordain the same to be delivered to their clerk."

Candlemas. "The new establishment of pensions" is thus entered:—

Robert Monro, officer,	£66	13	4
Keeper of Advocates' Bar,	100	0	0
Keeper of Parliament House,	14	10	0
"The woman that cleans the signet,"	14	10	0
John Alexander, writer,	80	0	0
William Burnet, son of Gavin Burnet, writer,	20	0	0
Marion Muir, daughter of John Muir, writer,	48	0	0
Helen Anderson, relict of Mr. William Gordon, writer,	48	0	0
Janet Barbour, daughter of Peter Barbour, writer,	20	0	0
Janet Blair, daughter of Gavin Blair, writer,	20	0	0
Elizabeth Nicoll, daughter of John Nicoll, writer,	24	0	0
Mary Guthry, relict of Mr. William Guthry, writer,	30	0	0
Margaret Hamilton, daughter of Robert Hamilton, writer,	16	0	0

Margaret Chalmers, daughter of William Chalmers, writer,	£24	0	0
Janet Hamilton, relict of Alexander Stevenson, writer,	60	0	0
Margaret Peter, daughter of John Peter, writer,	24	0	0
Mary Paterson, daughter of Hugh Paterson, writer,	24	0	0
Margaret Fithie, relict of John Eliot, writer,	30	0	0
Anna Chalmers, daughter of William Chalmers, writer,	24	0	0
Margaret Nicol, "oye" of the deceased John Nicoll, writer to the signet,	12	0	0

The list of pensions is approved.

12th FEBRUARY. The keepers and commissioners, "being informed of a forgery of the under keeper of the signet his hand, committed by — Ballantyne of Craigmuir, younger, and haveing mett to consider of remedieng and preventing that practice for the future, have renewed and revived, and hereby renews and revives, ane former act," of date 31st January 1700, "appoynting a committee to agree with a persone to furnish sufficient wax to the wryters to the signet, for waxing the whole letters and others that pass that office; and appoynt Mr. James Anderson, Thomas Pringle, Alexander Glass, and George Cockburn to be the persones that are to treat and agree for the said wax, and that one of the persones attending the signet doe buy the wax and retail the same at the signet; and recommend to the keepers of the signet to cause make the seal of a deeper impression; and discharge any letters to be signet but what are waxed with the wax bought from the signet; and remit to the said committee and others to consider of any other remedie that may be more effectuell for preventing forgery of the signet in tyme comeing; and to give their thoughts thereof at nixt meeting."

18th FEBRUARY. At a general meeting it is unanimously agreed that, in order to prevent counterfeiting of the signet, "a press, lyke to that in the bank for impressing their notes, be gott and made use of for impressing the signet to letters," etc. The keepers are appointed to acquaint the lords of session of this resolution, and to apply to the lords of privy council and lords of treasury concerning "the said press and seal signet fitt for it, and expenses thairfor."

4th MARCH. On petition of Janet Nisbet, daughter to Adam Nisbet, W.S., and grandchild to Alexander Aikenhead, W.S., she is allowed 10 merks.

The same amount is granted to Janet Nicoll, daughter of Ninian Nicoll, W.S.

On petition of Robert Milne, master mason, and Patrick Steel, vintner, mentioning that the commissioners, by their act dated 17th January 1698, did allow 10 guineas to be payed to them by the treasurer, as a complement for the earnest of the house, and the name of the court to be put on the gate in gilt letters, which they had put on accordingly, the treasurer is now appointed to pay five guineas to each of them.

On petition of Elizabeth Wauch, relict of William Cuninghame, writer, who was apprentice to James Campbell of Garnock, his uncle, she is allowed 10 merks.

On petition of Robert Blair, lately writer in Edinburgh, he is allowed £10.

Janet M'Alla is allowed 10 merks.

14th MAY. "The keeper moved that Mr. John Spotswood, advocate, desyred a committee of the wryters might be appoynted to consider and revise a parcell of

styles that he designed to publish, which they judgeing reasonable, therfor the keepers and commissioners appoynt Sir James Elphinstoun, William Alves, John Lutfutt, John M'Farlane, Mr. William Thomsone, Mr. James Anderson, Patrick Home, and Hugh Somervell, to be a committee for the end aforesaid," and to report.

17th JUNE. On supplication of Thomas Inglis, bar-keeper, the treasurer is warranted to pay to him £100 Scots of salary for bygones, and yearly in time coming, with declaration "that this shall not be drawn into a precedent" for his successors in office.

Margaret Nicoll, formerly deleted from the pension roll, is restored on a pension of £12 Scots yearly.

17th JUNE. On representation of William Paton, W.S., he is allowed 200 merks out of the prentice dues, in loan.

11th JULY. Admission of Ludovick Brodie, formerly apprentice to the deceased Mr. John Campbell.

12th SEPTEMBER. Admission of Mr. James Cheyne, late apprentice to Mr. William Thomsone.

23d DECEMBER. "The keepers and commissioners allow their treasurer to pay to Robert Manson twenty pounds Scots to accompt, and in part payment to him for his paines in writeing the acts of their meetings, and recording the same in their books, and drawing out ane index of all their acts."

1707.

12th FEBRUARY. Having read and considered the petition given in "by the indigent episcopall clergie," the keepers and commissioners ordain Patrick Home, their treasurer, to pay to Mr. Arthur Miller and Mr. John Wingate, collectors for the said clergie, the sum of £10 sterling "for behoof of the poor of the said clergie, and recommend to Mr. William Stirling and John Stewart, to assist the collectors for the said indigent clergie in collecting from the writers to the signet what they please voluntarily to give for the use aforesaid, and to report what the totall of the collection shall amount to."

The injunction of 1594, forbidding writers to the signet to write letters or bills against the secretary, without first advertising his lordship or his depute, is renewed; and it is further appointed that none of the writers do hereafter write any bills or letters against the secretary or keepers, without first acquainting them thereof.

3d MARCH. Admission of John Hamilton, late apprentice to John Cuninghame.

19th MARCH. Mr. James Erskine demits the keepership, and Mr. David Erskine, advocate, presents his commission to that office, granted by John, Earl of Mar, principal secretary of state.

28th MARCH. Admission of Mr. Robert Dalrymple, late apprentice to John Cuninghame.

31st MARCH. Admission of William Dalrymple, writer in Edinburgh, under-keeper of the signet, to be a writer thereto.

The said William Dalrymple is discharged to officiate as writer to the signet while he is conjunct under-keeper.

Admission of Adam Smith, late apprentice to Mr. William Thomsone.

4th APRIL. Admission of Mr. Harie Maule, late prentice to the deceased Mr. Robert Innes; but being conjunct under-keeper of the signet, he is discharged to officiate in the meantime.

Admission of Mr. Æneas Oliphant, late apprentice to James Menzies.

9th APRIL. The writers and keepers "having taken under their consideration a late act of parliament, devolving the power and jurisdiction formerly belonging to the commission of teynds, whereby it is provided that the clerk register and his deputes shall have the sole and only power of subscribeing summondses and diligences in relation to teynds, they are of opinion that the said claus is contrair to the priveledges given to the society of writers by former acts of parliament, and therefore they ordain their treasurer and John M'Farlane, John Cuningham and Patrick Scott, four of their commissioners, or any other of the society that pleases, to wait upon the lord advocat or any other lawyer, one or mae, and take their opinion upon the import of the foresaid clause, and what is proper for the society to doe in vindication of their right and priveledge," and to report to a full meeting to-morrow.

10th APRIL. The treasurer reported the opinion of the lord advocate and Sir David Cuninghame, in relation to the matter controverted betwixt the society and the clerk to the commission of teinds, to the effect that a committee be named to meet and commune with Mr. Buchan anent what shall be most proper to be done, betwixt and the meeting of session, and to make report to a general meeting upon Monday at two o'clock afternoon. Accordingly, the keeper names John M'Farlane, John Cuningham, Patrick Home, Patrick Scott, Charles Bell, Hugh Somervell, Daniel Simson, John Lumsdaine, Mr. William Dallas, to be the committee, or any others of the society that may please to attend: and in the meantime they stop the signeting of the summons till the report be made.

Complaints being made against William Paton and David Lauder, for transgressing the act of 1695 anent exacting the full dues for letters, they are to be cited.

14th APRIL. In a full meeting the committee appointed at last sederunt report that they met and communed with Mr. Buchan, "but could not bring him to any settlement further than what is contained in a letter from him directed to the keeper; which letter being read, is ordained to be recorded: and since Mr. Buchan was pressing to have the summons subscribed by him signeted and given out" the keepers allowed the same, "whereupon the writers protested in behalf of the society that the same should be but prejudice of their rights and priveledge inherent in their office," by virtue of act of parliament 1695.

13th MAY. Admission of William Kelso, late apprentice to John Cuningham of Enterkine.

6th JUNE. Admission of John Ferguson, writer in Edinburgh.

11th JUNE. At a full meeting of the writers to the signet, Mr. David Erskine, keeper, caused the draught of an act of sederunt to be read for altering the styles of summonses with regard to the union, upon which a committee of the persons following was appointed, viz., Mr. William Thomsons, Mr. John Montgomerie, Hugh Somervell, Patrick Home, Charles Bell, John Cuninghame, Mr. William Dallas, and John Lumsdaine, or any four of them, to attend the keeper, to meet with the dean of faculty and advocates to consider the alteration of the style, and to report.

12th JUNE. In a full meeting, it is unanimously resolved to join with the faculty of advocates in a suspension to be presented against the town of Edinburgh, "because of the illegal stenting of the members of the college of justice, and a committee of eight is appointed to that effect.

19th JUNE. Other three members are added to the aforesaid committee.

30th JUNE. Admission of Robert Alexander, late prentice to Ronald Campbell.

6th NOVEMBER. On petition of John Alexander, W.S., he is allowed a yearly pension of £100 Scots; and also at this time a gratuity of £25.

17th NOVEMBER. A complaint being given in against John Cheisley for transgressing the acts, and citation having been duly served, he fails to compear, but sends a letter craving delay, which is allowed till Monday next, and in the meantime his letters are stopped.

24th NOVEMBER. John Cheisley compears and answers the complaint, but in regard of "the fewness" of the commissioners present, the case is delayed till Monday next.

6th DECEMBER. Admission of William Seton, late apprentice to Mr. Arthur Forbes.

12th DECEMBER. Admission of David Hope, late prentice to Thomas Pringle.

19th DECEMBER. The absent commissioners fined half a crown each, and their letters to be stopped until payment.

Having considered the complaint against John Cheisley, the treasurer and fiscal are appointed to review the case, in company with James Baird, and to report on Wednesday next.

24th DECEMBER. "The keepers and commissioners haveing considered the lybell against John Cheisley, with his defences and answers made thereto, with the

report of the committee appointed for considering the grounds and warrands of the former complaints, and the reservations and certifications made the tyme of his being last reponed, they find that the lybell ought to be taken jointly as it stands, and that the same is relevant to infer the conclusion lybelled, and therefor they simpliciter deprive the said John Cheisley from the office of writer to the signet, and discharge him from useing and exercising the same in tyme comeing: *Sic subscribitur*, George Dalrymple, D. Erskine."

Complaint is given in by the fiscal against William Paton for "signing under the dues," and employing Ludovic Spence to write a horning, "who is neither his nor any other wryter's servant."

William Paton is ordained to be cited for Monday next.

1708.

10th JANUARY. Committee, consisting of John Cuninghame, William Alves, Thomas Pringle, Patrick Home, and Robert Campbell, commissioners, Robert Hepburn, Andrew Haliburtoun, Andrew Marjoribanks, James Taylor, and Thomas Boyes, "to meet and enquire into the records of the signet in order to discover therefrom how far it is in the power of the commissioners to make acts for regulating the society without a generall meeting, to hear and treat upon any reasons shall be offered against the terms of the late act for ingathering of the ten merks."

4th FEBRUARY. A representation from Mr. Robert Stewart, minister of the gospel, having been read, Mr. James Anderson and Hugh Somervell are appointed to visit the "machin therein mentioned, and make report to a general meeting appointed on Monday next at ten a clock, and Patrick Home and Alexander Glass appointed also to visit the said machin, and any other of the society that pleases." Signed by the keepers. The machine is described on the margin as "*a perpetuum mobile* offered by Mr. R. Stewart."

9th FEBRUARY. A collection is agreed to "for manageing of the said project," and a committee of five appointed to gather it.

10th MARCH. On petition of Edward Wallace, W.S., he is allowed a grant of £25 sterling, and a collection is recommended on his behalf.

On a motion for devising a more effectual method of "inbringing the ten merks," the treasurer and fiscal are appointed to consider the acts and statutes thereanent.

On petition of Marion and Margaret Pantons, daughters of William Panton, W.S., the sum of £20 Scots is allowed to each of them, to be used for their behoof by Alexander Farquharson, W.S.

The sum of ten merks is allowed to Janet Nicol, relict of Robert Nicol, "their late convener."

1st JUNE. On the motion of the keeper, "that in consideration that the signet, by reason of the not affixing thereof, but only marking of the letters by the under-keeper's hand, had been frequently forged and counterfeited, and there haveing been a proposall and design some tyme since for affixing of the same by a press, and now that the signet and other sealls are to be renewed, he thought it a proper occasion

for making the former proposall,"—a committee is appointed to consider "the most proper method" for affixing the signet.

Commission by John, Earl of Mar, to Mr. David Erskine, advocate, to be keeper of the signet, dated 9th May 1708.

12th JULY. Mr. David Erskine is received as keeper, and his commission ordered to be recorded.

The committee anent the method of affixing the signet are appointed to give in their report in writing to be transmitted to the Earl of Mar, principal keeper.

The treasurer having complained of the difficulty of bringing in the ten merks, a committee is appointed to bring in an act for that effect.

26th JULY. At a general meeting, an order of the court of exchequer anent the revising and passing of signatures was read, and ordered to be recorded.

The keeper and commissioners, "considering that the presenter of signatures did receive signatures given in by agents and others, without a writer to the signet marking the same," they appoint three of their number to speak with the presenter for redress of the grievance.

8th NOVEMBER. Admission of Charles Farquharson, late apprentice to Sir James Elphinstone.

19th NOVEMBER. Admission of George Duncan, late apprentice to Ronald Campbell.

10th DECEMBER. The keeper and commissioners, having considered the act "for inbringing the ten merks, approve the same, and ordain that it be punctually observed."

By this act, the former acts on the subject are revived and ratified, so far as not modified by the new provisions, which are to the effect that all writers to the signet shall, before the 10th of January next, give in a true and exact list, subscribed by them, of all their apprentices, under penalty of £40 in case of failure, together with the stopping of their letters: that all apprentices who have not booked themselves, and paid their ten merks, shall do so before the first day of February next, and their master's letters to be stopped in case of failure: that no writer to the signet take any apprentice unless under written indenture, duly recorded within forty days after the entry of each apprentice to the writing chamber, or within two months after date of the indenture: and that before recording the same, a receipt be produced for the ten merks, payable by each apprentice, for their poor: that all indentures between writers and their apprentices be written by the clerk to the writers for the time, or his servant, the charge for writing and recording being half-a-crown, besides the half-dollar formerly in use, to be paid by the apprentices to the under-keeper of the signet; and seven shillings to the writers' officer for booking them; that the master exact from the apprentice the aforesaid ten merks and other dues at the subscribing of the indenture; and that no intrant writer shall be examined, admitted, or received unless he can produce his indenture, duly written and recorded, with his master's discharge thereof.

On petition of Janet M'Aulay, grandchild of the deceased Thomas M'Aulay,

writer to the signet, she is allowed 40 merks, payable in monthly instalments of ten merks.

Mr. Matthew M'Kell, advocate, having presented account of expenses disbursed at several joint meetings of the faculty of advocates and the society of the writers to the signet, the treasurer is ordered to pay one-third thereof.

A letter from the magistrates of Elgin, asking a collection for building their harbour, is appointed to lie on the table to be considered.

John Cheisley having petitioned to be reponed, and it being moved that no writer simpliciter deprived could be reponed, three of their number are appointed to search the records of the society for precedents.

The act anent the ten merks to be printed for use of the members.

13th DECEMBER. Admission of Walter Riddell, apprentice to Mr. John Wilkie.

24th DECEMBER. Charles Mastertoun, under keeper of the signet, is admitted conjunct clerk to the commissioners.

Admission of George Faa, late apprentice to Thomas Pringle.

27th DECEMBER. An additional act for explaining and enlarging the act passed on the 10th inst., having been read and considered, is unanimously approved. It respects the rule that all indentures be written by the clerks of the society.

31st DECEMBER. Admission of Mr. Robert Sinclair, late apprentice to John M'Farlane.

1709.

FEBRUARY. Admission of Charles Mastertoun, late apprentice to Charles Row.

3d NOVEMBER. Mr. Charles Cockburn, and Mr. David Erskine, produced a commission under the great seal in their favours, conjunctly, to be principal keepers of the signet; also a commission by them appointing the commissioners. Both documents were read, and ordered to be recorded. The commissioners appointed are:—John Strachan, Mr. William Dallas, Patrick Home, Robert Wallace, Alexander Glass, Thomas Pringle, Mr. James Baillie, George Turnbull, Thomas Boyes, George Cockburn, Mr. Harie Maule.

Committee appointed to consider the act anent the ten merks, and to bring in an overture in regard to it.

9th NOVEMBER. Commission by Mr. David Erskine, one of the principal keepers of the signet, in favour of William Alves, W.S., to be "keeper under him."

12th NOVEMBER. Admission of John M'Farlane, son of the deceased John M'Farlane, writer to the signet.

8th DECEMBER. Robert Manson, collector of the ten merks, appointed to settle with the treasurer for the amount collected.

Mr. David Watson, one of the under-keepers, recommended to "goe through the the wryters' chambers, and take up lists of the apprentices, and to report them to the theasaurer tuo tymes every session.

"In regaird ther is none of the sederunts filled up in the register since the 17th of June 1706, it is recommended to the thesaurer, Mr. Robert Campbell, and Mr. Thomas Pringle, to see what reason Robert Mansone will give why he hath not filled up the sederunts, and to order him to doe it, or noe to doe it as they think fitt."

On petition of Elizabeth Chaplane, daughter of Alexander Chaplaine, W.S., the treasurer is authorised to pay her £80 Scots yearly.

Margaret and Majory Panton, children of the deceased William Panton, W.S., are allowed £60 Scots for their present relief.

Janet Nicoll, grandchild of John Nicoll, W.S., is allowed £20 Scots.

20th DECEMBER. Sederunt, William Alves, keeper, Patrick Home, John Stewart, George Cockburne, Charles Bell, Mungo Buchanan, Mr. William Dallas, Robert Wallace, John Lumsdaine.

The treasurer represented that Robert Manson's stated account of the ten merks showed a balance of £575, 5s. Scots still due, "which he had uplifted at his own hand, by giveing receipts of his own. The keeper and commissioners allow the article of the discharge except twenty pounds Scots, which is not to be allowed till he fill up the book, which articles of discharge are contained in a stated account signed by Robert Mansone on the 17th of December 1709."

The treasurer is recommended to meet with the said Robert, and take what security he can get for the balance aforesaid.

The treasurer is allowed to employ whom he thinks fit for collecting the ten merks, and "to allow the od merk for their paynes."

All money due by the writers for their admission is ordered to be paid before Candlemas next.

The treasurer is authorised to use diligence against John Stewart, younger; and also to call for the money due by Burnbank and Mr. David Ramsay, against Candlemas.

1710.

2d JANUARY. Commission to George Fall to be one of the under-keepers, with the *proviso* that he is not to officiate as a writer to the signet, while serving in the said office.

Margaret Russell, daughter of the late William Russell, W.S., is allowed £48 Scots yearly.

16th FEBRUARY. Admission of James Gray, lately apprentice to Mr. John Montgomerie of Wrae.

17th JUNE. A committee of four appointed to meet with the stent-masters to represent the writers' interest anent the stent, according to custom.

Mr. Alexander Alison and Mr. Robert Hepburn are appointed to "collect a voluntary charity" among the writers, for the poor Episcopal clergy.

4th DECEMBER. Robert Fullertoun, W.S., having represented to the keeper and the society, "his being found lyable in twenty pounds of damages in raising a caption on a wrong denunciation," it was "resolved that the keeper, with Ballindalloch, Mr. Glas, Mr. Marjoribanks, Mr. Dalrymple, and Mr. James Baillie, doe wait upon the Lord President of the session, and represent to his lordship the generall concern of the wryters to the signet in the said matter, and that Mr. Home, Mr. Alison, Mr. Inglis and Mr. Haliburton doe wait on the Lord Minto, ordinary in the cause."

Mr. Patrick Home, treasurer, represented that his accounts were ready to be given in, and desired that a committee be appointed to revise them.

On petition of Helen Dowie, relict of Walter Stewart, W.S., she is allowed £20 Scots in the meantime, until her case be further considered.

Margaret Chalmers, daughter of the late William Chalmers, W.S., is allowed £12 besides her former pension.

11th DECEMBER. Sederunt in committee, Mr. James Baillie, Alexander Glas, Robert Wallace, Mr. Harie Maule. Mr. Glas chosen *preses*.

Robert Wallace is appointed to audit the accounts.

The committee appoint the keeper of the signet to lay down before them a list of the apprentices' ten merks from March 1706, to be compared with the treasurer's account.

21st DECEMBER. Sederunt, Charles Bell, etc. Mr. Thomas Pringle chosen *preses*.

Mr. James Baillie, one of the committee for revising the accounts, reports thereon that they are sufficiently instructed. The commissioners approve the report, and remit to the committee to state the balance.

Mr. James Baillie is elected treasurer, and is authorised to grant discharge to Patrick Home of his office of treasurer.

The late and present treasurers are recommended "to consider the articles of outstanding debts," and report as to what should be called in.

The procurator fiscal and treasurer are recommended "to speak to William Paton, writer to the signet, and to report his answer whether he will accept of one hundred pounds yearly, which the commissioners propose to give him, upon his obleidging himself by a wryte under his hand not to signe letters passing the signet or not."

1711.

10th JANUARY. The treasurer reports that he had granted discharge to Patrick Home of his accounts. The commissioners appoint "the haill accounts" to be recorded in their books, which is accordingly done.

The charge amounts to	£24,009 17 9
The discharge amounts to	24,185 13 6

The keeper and commissioners grant warrant to the treasurer to pay to William Paton of Pannells, W.S., the sum of 200 merks yearly, on the conditions stated above. Janet Nicoll is to be allowed 20 merks at Candlemas next.

23d JANUARY. Sederunt, William Alves, keeper, etc.

Sir William Calderwood and William Alves produce commission from James, Duke of Queensberry, and William, Lord Dartmouth, principal secretaries, nominating and appointing them principal keepers of the signet, under their lordships. They are sworn accordingly.

Two commissions are also produced in favour of the saids lords appointing them principal keepers of the signet; the said commissions are recorded.

2d FEBRUARY. The treasurer is ordered to pay to Margaret Chalmer £12 besides her pension.

The "new establishment of pensions" is recorded thus:—

Robert Monro, officer,	£66	13	4
Keeper of advocats' bar,	100	0	0
Keeper of parliament house,	14	10	0
Woman that cleans the house,	14	10	0
John Alexander, writer,	100	0	0
William Burnet, son to Gavin Burnet,	20	0	0
Marion Muir, daughter of John Muir,	48	0	0
Elizabeth Nicoll, daughter of John Nicoll,	24	0	0
Margaret Hamilton, daughter of John Hamilton,	16	0	0
Margaret Chalmer, daughter of William Chalmer,	24	0	0
Margaret Fithie, relict of John Elliot,	30	0	0
Anna Chalmers, daughter to William Chalmers,	24	0	0
Margaret Nicoll, daughter of John Nicoll,	12	0	0
Margaret Russell, daughter of William Russell,	48	0	0
Elizabeth Chaplane, daughter of Alexander Chaplane,	80	0	0
Isabell and Anna Lauder, daughters of David Lauder,	80	0	0
William Paton, W.S.,	133	6	8
	£943	0	0

The list is approved.

William Paton declares his submission to the condition of his pension.

4th APRIL. The sum of £10 sterling is allowed to the episcopal clergy,

John Cuninghame, Mr. James Baillie, Patrick Home, Robert Campbell, Mr. Robert Hepburn, Ronald Campbell, and Hugh Somervell, are appointed as a committee to bring in overtures "for regulating the societie."

On petition of Alexander Fyfe, "one of their societie," the treasurer is appointed to pay him 100 merks.

26th JUNE. A general meeting is held for consideration of overtures, but the attendance not being large enough, another meeting is appointed for next day, of which warning is to be given by the officer.

27th JUNE. A committee is appointed to consider the acts and overtures, viz.:—Ballindalloch, Mr. James Anderson, Thomas Pringle, Ronald Campbell, Hugh Somervell, George Cockburn, Andrew Haliburton, Robert Campbell, and Mr. Henry Scrimseour.

25th OCTOBER. Thomas Pringle, *preses*.

On the treasurer's report that John Alexander is in a dying condition, he is ordered "to pay him the current quarter's pension instantly per advance for a present supply," and 100 merks is allowed to be laid out for his burial expenses.

On petition of Helen Dowie, relict of Walter Stewart, she is allowed £40 Scots in the meantime.

2d NOVEMBER. Commission is noted to Mr. William Cochran of Kilmaronock, and Mr. John Pringle of Haining, to be keepers of the signet.

Commissary Alves, Mr. Thomas Pringle, Hugh Somervell, Mr. James Baillie, and Patrick Home are appointed to meet and consider what regulations should be made for reforming abuses and disorders in the society.

Admission of George Kennedie, writer in Edinburgh, and present clerk to the commissioners, as a writer to the signet.

Commission by Mr. William Cochran of Kilmaronock, and Mr. John Pringle of Haining, principal keepers of the signet, in favour of George Kennedie, W.S., to be sole keeper of the signet under them.

6th NOVEMBER. Admission of Alexander Hamilton, late apprentice to Hugh Somervell.

7th NOVEMBER. Appointment of Andrew Geddes, substitute keeper of the signet, to be clerk to the commissioners.

A committee of seven appointed to consider the "acts of regulations" recommended to the society by the lords of session.

12th NOVEMBER. In a general meeting of the keepers, commissioners, and writers, having considered "two overtures for the act of sederunt for the more readie administration of justice annent bills of suspension and advocation, and the act of sederunt annent compt and reckonning, which was recommended by the lords of session to them, they have accordingly made some observes thereon, which they order to be given in to the lords."

Two of the members are appointed to assist in collecting a contribution for the episcopal clergy.

16th NOVEMBER. Admission of John Russell of Braidshaw, late apprentice to Mr. James Anderson.

20th DECEMBER. Helen Dowie, relict of Walter Stewart, W.S., is allowed a pension of £5 sterling yearly.

Margaret Chalmers, daughter of the late William Chalmers, W.S., is allowed a pension of £48 Scots, in place of what she received before.

On petition of Janet Nicoll, relict of Robert Nicoll, servant in the signet office, she is allowed 20s. sterling, but not admitted as a pensioner.

1712.

21st JANUARY. William Caddell is appointed clerk to the commissioners "conjunct with John Bogle."

The treasurer is instructed to call in the money due to the society by certain parties.

24th January. Admission of John M'Gowan.

3d MARCH. Admission of Alexander Mitchell, late apprentice to Charles Bell.

11th MARCH. Admission of Alexander Stevenson.

31st MARCH. Admission of John Dundas, late apprentice to Mr. James Anderson.

16th AUGUST. The treasurer is warranted to assign the bond granted by the late Mungo Campbell of Burnbank, and Mr. David Ramsay, W.S., to Patrick Home, W.S., for £737, 16s. 8d. Scots for the use of the poor, of date 13th March 1703, upon his receiving payment of the bygone annualrents preceding Lammas last; and a new bond by the said Mr. David Ramsay, and James Campbell of Burnbank, for the said principal sum, with interest from the said term.

7th NOVEMBER. On petition of William Menzies, W.S., craving a pension "in regard of his great age, and that he is no longer to exerce as writer," the treasurer is authorised to pay him 200 merks yearly during his lifetime.

The treasurer is warranted to receive from William Edmondstone, W.S., the sum of 250 merks due by him, and to discharge the annualrents thereof in terms of the said William's offer.

27th NOVEMBER. The treasurer is authorised to pay a sum not exceeding £10 sterling for the aid of the episcopal clergy; and a further contribution from all the members is recommended.

On petition of Janet Nicoll, she is allowed £20 Scots of charity "in respect of the specialty of her age."

The treasurer is authorised to pay to Mary Miller "one half-year of her mother's pension."

11th DECEMBER. Three of the brethren appointed to meet with the lords of session and advocates "anent the regulation of abuses committed in the mercats of Edinburgh, and other matters wherein the college of justice may be concerned."

1713.

2d FEBRUARY. "Kilmaronock acquainted the commissioners that he had given ane order to Mr. Kennedie, keeper, to cause the under keeper of the signet write at full length the date of signeting all the letters passing the signet, and to subscribe their name thereto in all tyme comeing till the signet be renewed."

Admission of William Cuninghame, late apprentice to the deceased Hugh Cuninghame.

16th FEBRUARY. On petition of Anna and Isobell Stewart, daughters of the late Mr. Walter Stewart, W.S., their mother's pension of £5 sterling is continued to them.

16th MARCH. The treasurer is authorised to pay to Mr. Charles Bell, writer, the sum of 100 merks towards the funeral charges of Anna Chalmers, relict of William Chalmers.

20th JUNE. On petition of Mr. John Cairmount, writer in Edinburgh, he is allowed £5 sterling "in respect of his extraordinary circumstances known to severall of the commissioners."

24th JUNE. Admission of John Cuninghame, son and apprentice to John Cuninghame of Ballandalloch, W.S.

29th JUNE. A committee of eight is appointed "to meet with the faculty of advocates, and concert with them in relation to the cess roll, and the bill of suspension depending thereanent."

13th JULY. Other three members added to the aforesaid committee.

Four of the members are appointed "to waite upon the magistrates, and to represent the abuse of the poor being allowed to beg in the streets, and in the closes, notwithstanding of a voluntar contribution being agreed to by this societie for keeping the streets and houses free of the poor."

24th JULY. "The keeper having acquainted the commissioners that the Lord Polwarth had given in to him a bill of horning against Mr. John Montgomerie, writer to the signet, on his son's articles of marriage, with objections there against, and that the lords had desired that the wryters might meet and give their opinion thereanent," the keeper and commissioners allow Master Thomas Pringle, drawer of the bill, to give his answers to the objections betwixt and Tuesday next, and appoint a general meeting for that day at five o'clock in the afternoon.

28th JULY. The general meeting having considered the bill of horning aforesaid, with the answers thereto, are of opinion "that the articles of marriage jointly taken in their tenor and registration are not a warrant for a horning according to their practice."

8th SEPTEMBER. A committee appointed to meet with the stent-masters of Edinburgh, to the effect contained in the act of sederunt of 23d February 1687.

Mary Oliphant, daughter of the deceased Laurence Oliphant, W.S., is allowed a yearly pension of 100 merks.

22d SEPTEMBER. Admission of John Bogle, writer in Edinburgh.
Admission of William Caddell, writer in Edinburgh.

23d SEPTEMBER. Commission to John, Earl of Mar, to be principal keeper of the signet, presented by Mr. Harie Maule, and recorded; dated at Windsor, 17th September 1713.

Commission by the Earl of Mar to Mr. Harie Maule to be depute keeper of the signet; dated at Whitehall 18th September 1713.

Commission by Mr. Harie Maule to David Maule, his brother german, to be his substitute in the signet office.

16th NOVEMBER. Commission by the Earl of Mar to John Strachan, Mr. James Anderson, John Inglis, Thomas Pringle, Patrick Home, Alexander Glas, Patrick M'Dowall, Thomas Boyes, Robert Alexander, Charles Farquharson, Walter Riddell, John M'Farlane, William Alves, and Robert Wallace, to be commissioners: dated at Edinburgh, 7th November 1713.

Commission by Mr. Harie Maule, keeper, to Charles Masterton and David Maule to be substitute keepers of the signet.

23d NOVEMBER. At a general meeting it is resolved to concur with the advocates in a process of declarator, "for further clearing and establishing of the privileges of the members of the college of justice," and a committee is appointed for that effect.

1714.

22d FEBRUARY. William Burnet, son of Gavin Burnet, and brother of Robert Burnet, writer to the signet, is allowed a yearly pension of £40 Scots.

Janet Nicoll is allowed £20 Scots in charity.

Committee appointed to consider the state of the funds, and to revise the treasurer's accounts.

8th MARCH. Admission of William Paterson, late apprentice to John Cuninghame.

12th APRIL. The report of the committee on the treasurer's accounts appointed to be written out *in mundo*, and to be received on Monday the 19th inst.

19th APRIL. The report on the treasurer's accounts is received and approved, and the treasurer, Mr. James Baillie, is allowed £100 Scots for his incident charges, for which he had not charged. The balance to credit is stated at £3499, 18s. 10d.

20th APRIL. Alexander Glas is chosen treasurer.

22d MAY. The treasurer is authorised to assign the bond for 1000 merks due by Sir William Menzies of Gladstains and his brother, Mr. John Menzies, advocate, upon payment thereof.

24th JUNE. John Carstairs of Kilconquhar, offers to borrow 10,000 merks from the society, which is agreed to, on condition of sufficient security.

15th JULY. On petition of John Ochterlony, W.S., he is allowed £80 Scots for his present supply.

10th AUGUST. On the question whether the warrants for charters passed under the late queen's hand, before her death, should be expedited in her name or in that of the present king, search is ordered to be made for precedents.

16th AUGUST. A committee appointed to meet with the stent-masters of Edinburgh.

18th SEPTEMBER. Admission of Alexander Bannerman, late apprentice to Andrew Haliburton.

28th SEPTEMBER. Admission of Robert Fullertoun, late apprentice to the deceased Adam Fullertoun.

The Second Volume of the Records, containing the Minutes from 14th October 1714 to 28th April 1732, is of less historical interest than the earlier volume; the Minutes relating almost exclusively to matters of routine. It is deemed sufficient, therefore, to note the following subjects of less formal character occurring in the volume.

1715.

23d MARCH. The keeper having represented that some "counterfit stamp paper" had been discovered, the members are recommended to be careful that no paper be used for writs but such as shall be bought at the stamp office.

9th NOVEMBER. The members of the society are "advertised that they should take care what persons they take into their chambers as prentices or servants, and that they should entertain none but those who should be well affected to the Government, and make no disturbance in the place."

1717.

3d JUNE. "The commissioners recommend to the keeper on this occasion of the suspected forgery (of the signet) by James Scott, now lying in the prison upon an information given in to my Lord Justice Clerk, to write to the Duke of Roxburgh desiring his grace may be pleased to apply for having the seall renewed, and a stamp with a press for it as was formerly proposed, as the best expedient for preventing forgerie."

18th JUNE. The reply of his grace is intimated, approving of the proposed renewal of the seals and of the signet, and referring to the steps which were being taken for that purpose.

30th JULY. The keeper informed the commissioners that he had received from the Duke of Roxburgh an order to receive from John Ritchie the privy council records; and having no convenient place in which to lodge them, desired as a favour of the commissioners to be allowed to place them in any room of their house belonging to the writers to the signet, and to keep the key of that room till they should be otherwise disposed of. Agreed.

1718.

27th MARCH. A contribution agreed upon for behoof of the episcopal clergy.

1720.

25th JANUARY. Contribution for the episcopal clergy recommended.

25th FEBRUARY. It is agreed to insure the society's house against fire.

1721.

13th FEBRUARY. Contribution for the episcopal clergy recommended.

1722.

12th NOVEMBER. At a general meeting it is agreed to buy, for the use of the whole society, "all the Scots law books in print, as also the acts of parliament, both before and since the Union, and yearly as they shall come out, to lye in the signet office in the custody of the under keeper, for the use of every member of the society."

1723.

15th JULY. The treasurer is authorised to pay 40s. sterling for these four books, viz., *The Accomplished Conveyancer*, *The Grand Precedent*, *Cowell's Dictionary*, and *Greenwood on Courts*.

Contribution for the episcopal clergy authorised.

1724.

15th JUNE. Contribution for the episcopal clergy recommended.

1725.

13th DECEMBER. Similar contribution agreed to.

1727.

15th JULY. Similar contribution.

1730.

13th MARCH. Similar contribution.

1731.

16th NOVEMBER. At a meeting of the keeper and commissioners, the keeper represented that he was lately desired by the Duke of Newcastle and the Lord Harrington, principal secretaries of state, to send them a particular account of the proper business of the clerks or writers to the signet, to which they, though patrons of the society, were strangers; that he had now prepared a memorial containing a historical account of the rise and constitution of the society, and also in regard to its grievances in respect of the smallness of the writers' fees. He thought it was reasonable to lay the same before the commissioners for their opinion in a matter of such importance to the whole body; and the said memorial having been read and considered by the commissioners, they approved thereof, and recommended to the keeper to sign and transmit the same to the secretaries of state, and appointed the said memorial to be recorded, of which the tenor follows:—

“Memorall concerning the rise and constitution of the Society of Writers or Clerks to His Majestie's Signet in Scotland.

“The lord secretary is ane officer in Scotland of a very old standing: He was one of the great officers of state, who in the right of their places had seats in Parliament. The royall signet was committed to his custody, and he had, as his successors in office now have, the nomination of the writers to the signet, who are properly clerks in the secretary's office, to particular purposes afterwards to be mentioned.

“Before the union of the crowns these clerks attended the secretary's office, and, besides the forming of such private writings and instruments as pass the signet, they officiated by turns as clerks to the old court of session and to the privy council, and they were intrusted with the care of public dispatches from the office.

“When King James the 5th instituted the colledge of justice, anno 1537 [*sic*], the writers to the signet are found to be one of the great constituent bodies forming that colledge. Their proper business was (as it still is) to frame all summonses and letters passing the signet, which are in their nature originall writes, which processes commence in the court of session, which writs, as well as all the letters or writs necessary for enforceing and executing the decrees of the court of session, must be taken out and stampd at the signet office; the bills or petitions (where such are necessary) presented to the judges, and praying that process may be issued, must be signed by a writer to the signet, who himself prepares the bills; and all summonses and other letters passing the signet must likewise be signed by that writer who frames (or as it is called) raises the letters.

“The fees of the secretaries of state for passing such letters at the signet are regulated by Act of Parliament, and according to the number of such letters, or rather according to the number of processes brought before the court of session, it

sometymes happens in the secretarie's office that there are great differences between the fees of different months.

"Another branch of the business of writers to the signet is to prepare all signatures either under his majestie's hand or those of the barons of exchequer att Edinburgh, who are by special commission impowered to receive resignations in his majestie's name of all lands in Scotland held by the crown, and to grant charters either of resignation or confirmation; and in generall, all charters and other grants which pass by the signet, chancery, privy seal, or great seal; and by an act of parliament, each writer to the signet is answerable for the formality and legality of every signature presented by himself. It is true that many warrants pass the privy seal and great seal *per saltum*, and are made out in the secretarie's office at London, which formerly were prepared by the writers to the signet, such as presentations to benefices, commissions, and all other instruments that are countersigned by the secretary of state.

"The body of writers to the signet are the principall and most experienced conveyancers in Scotland. It is they who are chiefly employed in making out land rights and other matters of importance, and from them by their apprentices is mainly derived the knowledge of conveyancing.

"To them only was committed the power of officiating as clerks to all apprisings which by the law of Scotland before 1672 might have been carried on at Edinburgh upon obtaining a dispensation from the lords of session. But when adjudications of lands instead of apprisings were introduced by an act of parliament in that year, the adjudications (which are processes before the court of session) were put into the hands of the clerks of that court, by which means a considerable branch of the revenue of the writers to the signet was cut off. However, they still continue to be clerks to services before the macers of the court of session.

"For many years after the institution of the colledge of justice, the principall clerks of session (who were first three and afterwards six in number), the clerk to the privy councill, and the clerk to the high court of justiciary, were all chosen out of the body of the writers to the signet, so that they were considered as one of the great nurseries for the land, and they are still one of the three great bodies of the colledge of justice, out of which only the judges of the court of session can be taken. The other two are the faculty of advocates and the principall clerks of session, which principall clerks must be at this day either advocates or writers to the signet.

"As to the number of this society, earlier than the year 1594, it is not known; but by an act of the society of that date it is limited to twenty-four, exclusive of the secretarie's depute, the clerks of session, privy council, and justiciary; yet in the tyme of the usurpation, anno 1656, they appear to have been thirty-six in number; and since that tyme have encreased immoderately, so that they are at present one hundred and ten, to the great loss of the whole body.

"This society has always been considered in law as a body political and corporall, and they have constantly acted as such by enacting by laws for the good government of the society, by regulating matters amongst their own members, in relation to their employments, by trying and judgeing of the qualifications of candidates, and by punishing delinquents by fyne, suspension, or deprivation according to the offence: many instances of all these kynds are to be found in the society's records."

"The society holds a small stock which is employed towards relieving such of the members as are in necessity: they annually elect officers and have frequent meetings

as their exigencies requyre, in which meetings the lord secretary has often presided, and if in his absence any alterations were made in the by-laws, or additions to them, the secretary of state ratified such additions or alterations. Their principal officer is the deputy keeper, who acts by commission from the secretary of state: till the restoration the keeper was always named out of the society, and the same has been practised since his late majestie's accession. Between the said two periods it sometyes happened that the ancient use and custom was disregarded and strangers named. The effect of this was that the execution of the laws was neglected, and many abuses crept in which would not so well be prevented by any man, howsoever well meaning, if he had not been bred to the business of a writer to the signet.

"The keeper's office is to take care that due attendance be given at the signet, that the secretarie's fees be punctually exacted and regularly accounted for, and that no instruments shall pass the signet except such as are agreeable to law and form. He has the power of calling and adjourning meetings of the society. He is a necessary constituent member in such meetings, and presides there *ex officio*. Next, the commissioners of the signet are usually some of the members of the greatest figure, to whom by speciall courtesy from the secretary is committed the execution of the laws of the society, the punishment of delinquents, the tryall and examination of intrants, and some other speciall powers. Their number is indefinite, and their quorum has been sometyes nyne, sometimes seven, and never under fyve. Fyve of the commissioners are yearly appointed examiners by the rest. It is their business to try the intrants, and they give ane oath of fidelity at the beginning of their office.

"Out of the number of the commissioners likewise, the treasurer is chosen for managing the common stock, and for receiving and distributing collections made for the poor members of the society. The office is generally for three years, but he accompts yearly to fyve commissioners auditors, the deputy keeper being always one.

"Another of the commissioners is the procurator-fiscall, elected yearly. His office is to inform himself of misdemeanors, to form complaints, and to carry on prosecutions before the keeper and commissioners, against such members as are guilty of malversations in their office or transgress the laws of the society. And the whole proceedings on such tryals are regularly ingrosted in the books of the society.

"And because it is not likely that all offences shall come to the knowledge of the procurator-fiscall, two visitors are appointed from among the ordinary members, who frequently visit the offices of the members to make observations on their conduct, and give information to the fiscall of anything that deserves censure. As this office is troublesome, they are changed twice a year.

"Besides all these officers, there is a clerk and a messenger appointed by the deputy keeper and commissioners. The first to minuter the proceedings of the society, to keep their records and give out extracts, and the other to advertise members of the tymes of meeting, and to summon delinquents to answer to complaints, either given in by the procurator fiscall or by any privat party.

"The business committed to the writers to the signet being of great importance, care has been taken when the society was under right government that no person should be admitted unless he was of good character and education. Anciently no man was intituled to a presentation from the secretary unless he had first performed a service of seven years to a writer to the signet by indenture, and unless after

tryall of his skill and capacity he was recommended by the keeper and commissioners. However, contrary practise obtained after the restoration. And tho by the act 1656 their number was tyed down to thirty-six, yet they were encreased to double that number. Many unfitt and unqualified persons were presented and admitted upon a slight tryall. Many sufficient members lost their bread, and many irregularities crept in amongst them to the great discouragement and reproach of the society, and to the great hurt of the nation.

"Since his late majestie's accession, due care has been taken to rectifie abuses by a faithfull execution of the laws. Delinquents have been punisht, some by fynes to the use of the poor, others by suspension from the exercise of their office for a tyme, and great offenders by absolute deprivation. Strict care is likewise taken in the examination of intrants.

"The manner of examination is this: any person who has served ane apprenticeship with a writer to the signet three years, and can show his master's discharge, is by the present laws of the society intituled to apply to the secretary of state for a presentation, which is hardly ever refused, because the candidate's qualifications, both as to character and knowledge, are always referred to the keeper and commissioners.

"The candidate next, by petition to the deputy keeper and commissioners, prays that he may be tryed and admitted, and if his character is unquestionably fair, a tyme is immediatly appointed for his examination as to his knowledge in the business of a writer to the signet. But if his character is suspicious or objected against, that matter is first enquired into. There are instances of candidates being rejected purely on account of an ill character.

"At the examination the fyve commissioners examiners question him upon different branches of what he may be supposed to know. The first takes the nature, import, and usuall clauses of deeds, securities, and conveyances; the second examines him on the doctrine of signatures, Latin precepts, charters, and grants passing the signet, privy seal and great seal; and the third, upon questions concerning services, retours, and Latin precepts under his majestie's quarter seal; the fourth has for his province the nature and form of summons's of all kynds which pass the signet, and are the foundation of processes before the court of session; and the fifth has the various methods of legall execution on bonds, bills, contracts, and decrees of the court of session or other courts in Scotland: all which are made effectuell or stopt by writs or letters passing the signet. After this is over the deputy keeper or any of the commissioners may ask the candidate such proper questions as may have been omitted, and they appoint him in their presence to repeat or write the form of any instrument or security which they choise to him either in Latin or English, to satisfie them that he is master of the usuall style. Then the candidate withdraws, and he is remitted to his studies for insufficiency or found qualified by majority of votes. If this last case happens, he forthwith gets his act of admission, takes the oath of fidelity, and signs the acts of the society; and this, together with taking the oaths to the government in a proper court, intitles him to officiat as a writer to the signet.

"The society is at present so numerous that half of the members can't possibly live upon their incomes, and some are therefore obliged to fall on other methods to assist in maintaining their families, while others leave off the business intirely, and take to mean employments, to the disgrace of the society, and preventing the proper

ends of its institution. And there are even some aged and infirm people who by these means are brought to depend upon the society's funds for maintenance. Their yearly expense of this sort is one hundred and seven pound sterlin, and their stock is but twelve hundred and fifty pound sterlin. By which it is evident that in a few years their little capital must be exhausted. On the other hand, it is certain that less than half the present number of the writers to the signet is more than enough to satisfy the demands for the imployment.

"The society humbly begs leave to represent to their right honourable patrons that the fees of their clerks in Scotland are in no wayes proportioned to their labour, nor to the fees of any other office in Scotland. And at the same tyme it will be own'd that a moderate augmentation of these fees is in Scotland generally lookt upon as an equitable demand to which every one would chearfully submitt.

"The first regulation was in anno 1532, when it was enacted, that no clerk to the signet should take more for wryting letters of horning or other letters passing the signet than twenty pennies Scots or one pence two thirds sterlin. But by the act of parliament 1621, the fees for letters passing the signet are raised to ten pence sterlin; and they were allowed for signatures two shillings six pence sterlin the first sheet, and one shilling eight pence for every other, and for advocations, suspensions, and summonses, the first sheet one shilling one pence one third, and every other sheet ten pence sterlin.

"In the year 1672 the fees were again augmented by act of parliament:—For signatures and precepts fyve shillings sterlin the first sheet and two shillings six pence sterlin for every other; for advocations and suspensions three shillings four pence sterlin the first sheet, and two shillings two pence sterlin for each other sheet, and for all other letters passing the signet one shilling six pence sterlin the first sheet, and one shilling sterling for each other sheet.

"Since the year 1672 there has been no augmentation of the writers to the signets' fees, and yet it is certain that if the legislature, being sensible of the difference of the value of money between the [years] 1621 and 1672 increased the fees of this office in some instances to double, in others to triple what it was before, by parity of reason an augmentation would seem still more reasonable now than it was then; living in Scotland, and particularly in Edinburgh, where the writers to the signet must have their residence, is as dear again as when the last regulation was made. And all other clerks and officers in Scotland are now allowed much higher fees than they had before the Union. It is indeed reasonable that a check should be put by a new law to such exactions as are exorbitant, but the writers to the signet, who have always conformed themselves to their legall fees, hope at the same tyme for such encouragement as will be a reasonable recompense for their pains.

"The regulations of the fees of offices which were made from tyme to tyme by the parliament of Scotland generally proceeded upon a certificat of the lords of session's opinion. And not to depart from this good custom, the writers to the signet lately presented an humble petition to the judges of that court praying their opinion concerning the present fees, and if it was reasonable that application should be made to parliament. Their lordships unanimously were pleased to give it as their opinion, 'that the pryces sett down in the act of parliament 1672 are now too small, and that it is reasonable that the writers to the signet doe apply to the king and parliament for an augmentation of the said prices, the same not exceeding the sums

following viz. :—For summonses and all other ordinary letters passing the signet, two shillings six pence sterlin the first sheet, and one shilling six pence sterlin for each other sheet. For suspensions and advocations fyve shillings sterlin per first sheet, and three shillings sterlin for every other sheet. And for signatures eight shillings and fourpence the first sheet, and four shillings two pence for each other sheet. And for Latin precepts the like fees as for signatures.'

"There is very good reason to believe from what has past in conversation with some of the members of parliament for Scotland since the lords of session have given their opinion that if a bill were brought in for regulating the fees and correcting abuses in some offices in Scotland where exactions have been made without any rule, and for making a moderate addition to the writers' fees according to the opinion of the lords of session, it would hardly meet with opposition from the side of Scotland.

"But at the same tyme the writers to the signet are thoroughly sensible that without the countenance of their right honourable patrons and masters his grace the Duke of Newcastle and the Lord Harrington they neither ought to move in this affair nor could reasonably hope for success. They have therefore drawn up, in as brief a way as the nature of the thing would admit of, a deduction of the original history and constitution of this class of the secretary of state's servants which lyes so remote from their inspection, and they hope that it may appear from what is above sett forth, that as their society is of such a nature and of such credit and standing as that the judges of the kingdom of Scotland were very often chosen from among them, and that no gentleman of the best family ever thought it a derogation to him to be of their number, so they have taken care to preserve the dignity of their society, to check the smallest appearances of abuse, and to keep a watchful eye to the execution of the laws, and prevent any inquiry from their superiors or from the ordinary or extraordinary courts of law into the behaviour of their members by a speedy detection and punishment of offenders : in short, to render themselves as a society not unworthy of the protection of his majestie's secretaries of state.

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Volume Third.—This volume is similar in the character of its contents to volume second. It extends from 12th June 1732 to 18th June 1750. Besides the ordinary current business, the following matters occur in the minutes :—

1732.

20th JULY. Resolution for collecting from the writers the two per cent. appointed by act of sederunt of the lords of session, to be paid for the maintenance of the poor.

23d JULY. Collection for the episcopal clergy.

1733.

29th JUNE. On petition of William Roy, extractor in the signet office, and recommendation of commissary Stewart and Mr. Harie Maule, the sum of thirty guineas is allowed to the said William, "for his pains and trouble" in putting the warrants of the signet in order.

1734.

7th JANUARY. The amount to be divided annually among the poor is stated at £629, 3s. 4d. Scots.

1735.

14th NOVEMBER. Collection for the episcopal clergy.

1736.

13th JANUARY. The balance of funds at the credit of the society is £19,501, 9s. 8d. Scots.

28th JUNE. The entrance fee of writers is fixed at 500 merks Scots, instead of 250 merks, the former rate.

8th NOVEMBER. "The keeper and commissioners appointed the treasurer to commission twelve dozen of Scots parchment, and send them to London, to be stamped as formerly for the use of the society, to lye at the signet hall, and to be sold out at five shillings the skin, and the excesse to go for the benefite of the poor as before."

1737.

7th FEBRUARY. The stock of the society, including interest, is stated at £35,015, 3s. 6d.

1738.

16th JANUARY. The amount for distribution to the poor is stated at £850 Scots.

23d JANUARY. A letter is recorded from George Drummond, Esquire, *preses* to the Royal Infirmary, thanking the society for their "generous and charitable reception of the address of the managers of the Infirmary, for assistance to build a fitt house with all necessary conveniencye," and for "having determined a donation for that purpose," with the assurance that a recommendation from the society of a patient when there was a vacant bed in the house "will always be acceptable as the due token of their gratitude."

A letter is also recorded from Mr. Nicol Spence, clerk of the Orphan Hospital, accompanied with an "account of the rise and progress, management and state of the Hospital, seal of cause erecting the same, regulations and statutes thereof," with the thankful acknowledgment of the society's charitable aid.

31st JANUARY. The treasurer having represented that on comparing the books belonging to the society with the catalogue, "severals were amissing," William Roy was appointed to search for any receipts for these volumes, and to inquire at the members about them.

12th JUNE. The sum of £1000 Scots is granted to the Royal Infirmary.

19th JUNE. The general meeting having an extract act of the society, dated 8th November 1609, laid before them, appointing all the writers to the signet to wear gowns, it was resolved that the members should wear gowns, but of such colour and at such times as the lords of session should direct.

1739.

8th JANUARY. In account of charge and discharge, the former is stated at £40,214, 17s. 2d., and the discharge at £39,822, 7s. 3d.

25th JUNE. "Collectors appointed for a contribution to the indigent episcopall clergy and their widows in Scotland."

1740.

9th JUNE. Collectors appointed for the same purpose.

Mr. John Hay, treasurer, is appointed delegate "for presenting bursers to the college of Edinburgh upon Mr. Lawrence Dundas's mortification."

29th JULY. At a general meeting, Mr. William Seton is chosen *preses* in absence of the keeper, and they "unanimously elect the keeper, the treasurer for the time, John Hamiltoun, Hew Crawford, George Gordon, and Ronald Dunbar, as a committee of, and managers for, and directors in name and behalf of the society of the poor's hospital or work house now to be built in the town of Edinburgh, and that for the ensewing year from this date."

[The election of such managers occurs afterwards every year.]

24th NOVEMBER. Complaint is given in by Ronald Dunbar, procurator fiscal of the Society, against William Roy, extractor in the signet office, as "guilty art or part of the crime of suborning the persons after named to commit perjury, in so far as that upon one or other of the days of the month of June or July last the said William Roy by himself, and in company with Alexander Newlands, when in London, endeavoured to persuade and did sollicite Cornelius Hart, Michael Cannon, and Edward Harris, mariners, patients in Saint Thomas's Hospital, Southwark, to give evidence before Justice Tarry, a tobacconist in Whitecross Street, that they knew one James Newlands, a Scotsman, who came from Edinburgh, and was a glover by trade, and that they knew him in Barbadoes, and that they saw and drank with him there in the year 1728; and that by frequent cabbeling with the persons above named, and giving them money to give such evidence, though they had declared to the said William Roy that they never were in Barbadoes, and by giveing in writing, in his own handwrite, answers to be made by them to the interrogatorys to be put to them before the said Justice Tarry, commissioner named by the Lords of Session, in the process at the instance of the daughter of the said James Newlands, against the said Alexander Newlands," which facts being proven, and a letter from the said William Roy demitting his office on the plea of infirm health having been read, the keeper and commissioners not only accepted of his demission, and declared his office vacant, but also declared him incapable of any trust in time coming in the signet office, or from the society.

Eodem die. At a general meeting called *pro re nata*, the keeper represented that, by a remit from the commissioners, a committee had met with the dean of faculty of advocates and some of his brethren, "anent a proposal for the writers to the signet's having the priviledge of the Advocates' library in the same way as the advocates have themselves," and that it would be proper that "the society make a proposal to the faculty of paying in some money in hand for the use of the library," and that every intrant writer should pay so much to the faculty therefor: the meeting having unanimously approved of the project, they authorised the keeper and commissioners to propose to the faculty the payment of fifty guineas in hand, and "burdening each intrant writer" with the payment of 100 merks Scots.

1741.

8th JUNE. On the representation that the workhouse for the poor is well advanced, but was like to stop for want of money, the treasurer is authorised to pay such sums as had been or should be collected for the said purpose.

8th JUNE. "The keeper and commissioners considered a petition presented to them by Mr. Robert Blair and Mr. John Addison, collectors of the charity for the indigent episcopal clergy and their widows in Scotland, shewing that though the bounty of their society had frequently been extended to the end above-mentioned, for which the petitioners in name of the poor persons relieved by it returned their sincere acknowledgments, and though the number of these poor men and women was considerably reduced by length of time and hard circumstances, yet the necessity of those still remaining were increased by the advances of old age and the infirmities it brings along with it, and considerably more by the present scarcity

and dearth, which they prayed God of his mercy to turn into cheapness and plenty, the petitioners therefor entreated the writers to the signet might be pleased to renew their charity to them: it would have its reward in another world, and in the mean time the prosperity of the Society would ever be prayed for by the humble supplicants in whose name the petition is signed. Consideration of the petition was superseded till the report of the former collectors should be received.

30th JUNE. On the report of "a design on foot for building an observatory in the college of Edinburgh by a voluntary contribution," the treasurer is authorised to subscribe twenty guineas in name of the society.

9th NOVEMBER. Collectors are appointed for the episcopal clergy.

7th DECEMBER. At a general meeting called by the keeper *pro re nata*, in reference to the choice of a successor to Mr. Kerr, professor of humanity in the college of Edinburgh, the majority vote for the nomination of Mr. James Foulis of Colinton, and the delegates to the election are forbidden to vote for any other person. Thereafter, on the motion of the keeper, it was agreed to obtain extracts of the original contract of mortification for the said professorship, which was accordingly done, and the deed, of date 25th December 1597, engrossed in the minutes.

1742.

4th JANUARY. The total of charge as at Martinmas 1741 is stated at £47,885, 14s. 8d., and the discharge at £47,820, 1s. 4d.

29th DECEMBER. The charge for the year is stated at £52,976, 14s. 3d., and the discharge at £52,856, 15s. 11d. The amount of pensions at £950.

1743.

1st NOVEMBER. John Taylor, officer of the signet, is dismissed for malversation, and John Douglas appointed to the office.

14th NOVEMBER. Collectors for the episcopal clergy appointed.

1744.

9th FEBRUARY. The annual charge is stated at £55,069, 10s. 1d.; the discharge at £55,236, 14s. 1d. The amount of pensions, £1416.

12th NOVEMBER. Collectors for the episcopal clergy appointed.

30th NOVEMBER. Robert Kinnell reports his diligence in putting the warrants of the signet office in order, and is allowed 50 guineas.

1745.

14th JANUARY. The annual charge is stated at £57,286, 5s. 9d., the discharge at £57,180, 7s. 3d. Amount of pensions, £1404.

10th JUNE. Collectors named for the episcopal clergy.

25th NOVEMBER. The amount collected for the episcopal clergy is stated at £20, 2s. 6d. sterling.

1746.

3d MARCH. Sum of charge as at Martinmas 1745, stated at £58,115, 14s. 5d., and the discharge at £57,727, 11s. 11d. Amount of pensions at £1176.

18th JUNE. The keeper having informed the meeting that the lords of session had appointed their clerks to intimate to him a resolution of their lordships, of date the 17th June instant, whereby "the lords taking into their consideration that his royal highness the Duke of Cumberland is expected soon from the north of Scotland, are resolved when he comes to Edinburgh to wait on him in their formalities, attended by their clerks, the advocates and writers to the signet," and the lord president is recommended to wait on his royal highness as soon as he comes, in order to know the time when he would incline to be waited upon. The meeting unanimously agreed to attend their lordships accordingly.

Thereafter the keeper reminded the meeting of the act of parliament in June 1609, appointing the use of gowns by the legal profession; and that in the year 1679 the lords of session, the advocates, clerks, and writers to the signet, in their gowns, did attend upon James, Duke of York. It was resolved, therefore, to attend the Duke of Cumberland in their gowns. But as there was some uncertainty as to what the form and colour of the writers' gowns were formerly, though it was said they were red, it was thought that black was now more suitable; and accordingly the meeting unanimously resolved to have their gowns black, and of such fashion as should be adjusted by the keeper, Mr. Hew Crawford, and Mr. Alexander McMillan, to whom they recommended to order a gown to be left in the society hall for a pattern: and further, that the gowns should be made of "Scots shalloon," as far as there was enough of that stuff in town, and when that failed, of crape or serge, as the members should think proper, and that the keeper's gown should be distinguished by a neck of black velvet and black silk loops. It was further ordered that the officer of the society should have a baton and gown.

10th NOVEMBER. Upon a motion by some members that the manufacture of Scots woollen cloth deserved to be encouraged, the meeting unanimously agreed thereto, and resolved that each of their members should appear dressed in the same against their next general meeting in June. A committee was also appointed to confer with the managers of the Scots woollen manufactory, in regard to advancing that trade.

1747.

27th FEBRUARY. The meeting having considered "the distress which the poors house fell under by the late troubles, and the expense that has arisen from the building of a separate house for lunatick persons and others disordered in mind," of which public intimation had been made from the pulpits of the city, warmly recommending a voluntary contribution for relief of that distress; and as the several incorporations within the city had cheerfully contributed, the writers resolved "not to fall short of their neighbours in point of charity towards the support of every public good design," and authorised the treasurer to pay thereto £100 sterling.

8th JUNE. In reference to the resolution of the 10th of November last for the wearing of Scots cloth, as an encouragment to the manufacturers, the meeting "earnestly recommend to every member of the society to appear so dressed as his occasions require new cloathes, under the pain of a crown for behoof of the poor of their society."

9th NOVEMBER. Petition for the episcopal clergy, to the effect "that their pressing straits are now as great as ever." Collectors are named for contribution for their relief.

1749.

12th JUNE. Collectors for the episcopal clergy named.

13th NOVEMBER. Contribution agreed to "towards carrying on the gravel walk round Hope's Park."

1750.

20th MARCH. The auditors report the charge for the year to Martinmas 1749 at £71,931, 2s. 11d.

11th JUNE. Collectors appointed for the episcopal clergy.

18th JUNE. The resolution anent wearing gowns renewed.

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1750.

12th NOVEMBER. "Bailie William Alexander and bailie John Forrest, as a committee from the merchants of Edinburgh, waited on the meeting, and acquainted them of the resolution taken by their constituents of removing the Exchange from

the cross to the parliament close, as being commodious, and therefore hoped this society would meet with and transact all affairs with the merchants upon this new exchange in time coming, to which the meeting unanimously agreed."

1751.

10th JUNE. Contribution for the episcopal clergy arranged for.

1752.

6th JULY. The keeper represented that the occasion of calling this meeting was to inform them that the provost and magistrates of Edinburgh had lately a meeting with the lords of session and faculty of advocates, to which he was also called and present, when certain plans were exhibited by the provost "with respect to the manner of rebuilding the ruinous houses on the north side of the street of the city, and south side of the parliament close, the execution of which would not only be a great decorement to the city, but also many large conveniencys are thereby proposed to the gentlemen, trading inhabitants and others, such as having the area for a change to meet in for dispatch of business, and the like: and that it was likewise proposed by these plans to have public offices built for the custom house and clerks of session, which would render such offices not only far more convenient, but safer against fire by much: that the lords of session and advocates had come to no other resolution anent these schemes, than to appoint committees for examining into the benefits thereby proposed."

The meeting, approving of all necessary and convenient improvements within the city, appoint the keeper, Mr. Hew Crawford, and John Mackenzie as a committee to meet and treat with the other two committees anent these plans, and recommend them to mention that it would be convenient to have a hall built for the Society.

1753.

12th FEBRUARY. The keeper reported that he and the other two brethren of the committee had met with the directors appointed by the courts of session and exchequer, faculty of advocates, town council, and subscribers; that several large sums had been subscribed and resolutions taken; and that an act of parliament was to be applied for in order to carry the scheme into execution; but as this could not be done without large contributions, the meeting was to consider what sum they as a society would subscribe; and as it was part of the scheme that the society should have a hall rent free, so it was expected that their contribution should be the larger.

The meeting unanimously agree to contribute 500 guineas; and that the amount be raised by a tax at the signet of one penny sterling upon each horning, sixpence upon each suspension or advocation, twopence upon each of other letters or summonses, and five shillings upon each signature passing the signet; the tax to begin on the 1st of June next.

1754.

25th NOVEMBER. On petition of Andrew Gib, keeper of the society's gowns, "signifying that the advocates' gown-keepers had got capes, and that he hoped the society would allow him a cape also to keep him warm in the winter time, for it was hard to stand bareheaded in the outer house all days," the meeting allow him a "velvet cape," the expense thereof to be defrayed by the treasurer.

1755.

3d FEBRUARY. "The keeper and commissioners taking into their consideration the inconveniency and unnecessary expenses of entertainments commonly given by intrants upon their admission into the society, do hereby enact and ordain that every intrant who shall give any entertainment whatever upon his admission, shall forfeit and pay ten pounds sterling to the poor of the society; and that in consideration of this expense being saved to the intrants, each intrant in time to come shall pay three guineas, to be applied for purchasing books for the use of the society; and further enact that every clerk to the signet who shall go to any such entertainment, shall also pay five guineas to be applied for purchasing books as aforesaid."

8th MAY. The lord keeper informed the meeting that a collection was just now making through the city for relief of the poor sufferers by the fire which happened on Friday last opposite to the foot of Marlin's Wynd, and that he called them together to know in what manner they intended to contribute. The meeting unanimously resolved to contribute as a body; and the roll being called, those present contributed £98, 14s. sterling, which was lodged with the under keepers, who were also appointed to collect from the brethren who were absent.

1756.

7th JANUARY. "The treasurer acquainted the meeting that he had now in his hands about twenty-seven guineas of gold arising from intrants, with which he was ready to purchase books to the library, agreeable to the late acts made for that purpose." The meeting authorised the treasurer to purchase such law-books and others as he judged necessary for the society's library.

15th MARCH. A memorial was presented on behalf of "the undertakers for the public works," showing that "by the present plan the northmost window on the east gable in each of the four lowest storys of the writers' court, must suffer to be darkened, which they humbly apprehended would do no damage to the hall in the signet office, and were willing to convert the said window into a press, or do other-ways as the society should direct."

"The meeting, for the sake of the public buildings, agreed to the undertaker's request, they converting, on their own charges, the window to be block'd up, into a press."

28th JUNE. James Grahame and William Tytler are appointed to gather a contribution from members for "putting to repair the walk in Hope's Park."

10th DECEMBER. "General meeting. Lord Miltoun, keeper. The lord-keeper acquainted the meeting that his design of convening them together in a body at this time was, that they might take under their consideration the present scarcity and dearth of meall, whereby the poor of this place must be great sufferers, unless some remedy be provided for bringing down the market price of that commodity; that provisions were making in England for the poor there, and the lords of session and magistrates of Edinburgh had already taken that matter under their consideration, who have come to a resolution about it: that, as this society had always upon every public occasion of this kind heretofore, shown their zeal for supporting the poor, so he hoped he needed use no arguments to persuade them to take their case under particular consideration in the present exigence, and interpose their friendly assistance for their relief."

"The meeting gave great attention to what the lord-keeper has laid before them, and being highly sensible of the present dearth of meall in the public market, which, were it allowed to continue for some time, must reduce the poor to very great straits and difficultys; and being desirous to contribute for their relief, they appointed Messrs. John Watson and Alexander Tait to go about immediately and collect a voluntary contribution in the society, and to report the sum total to the keeper and commissioner."

1758.

2nd AUGUST. The keeper having informed the meeting that the undertakers of the new exchange had applied to the dean of guild court for a visitation of the east gable of the writers' court "on account of its insufficiency," and that he had got a summons to appear therein, the meeting appoint three of their number to "look after that business."

1759.

25th JUNE. Committee continue "to look into the procedure of the dean of guild court anent pulling down the east gable."

26th NOVEMBER. The society considering that "his majesty's dominions are threatened with a French invasion," unanimously agree "to give one hundred guineas as an encouragement to persons to enlist themselves in his majesty's service for the defence of their country." The treasurer is ordered "to publish this bounty in all the public papers, promising a reward of one guinea over and above all other bounties already offered, to each able-bodied man who shall betwixt and the first of February next voluntarily enlist himself" in any of the regiments recruiting within the city of Edinburgh.

The same day, it was agreed, on the treasurer reporting the favourable state of the funds, to augment the pensions of widows to £12 sterling each. Mrs. Maule's pension is augmented to £15 sterling, "out of a regard to Mr. Hary Maule's memory."

1760.

10th FEBRUARY. At a general meeting, "the society having taking under their consideration the practice of giving drink-money to servants, it appeared to them that this custome has been destructive of the morals of servants; that it is practised by no other nation; that it is a discredite to the police of this kingdom; that it is an interruption to hospitality, and a tax upon the domestick intercourse of friends." It is resolved therefore, that "after Whitsunday 1760, every member of the society will effectually prohibite their servants from taking vails or drink-money from any person whatever; and that the members of the society after that term shall not give drink-money to the servant of any person whatsoever." This resolution is ordered to be put into the newspapers.

It was also agreed to confer with "the lawiers" anent the practice of giving a shilling to the servant at a consultation.

It was agreed that it would be "a very proper measure" that lawyers should grant receipts for their fees as "in all other cases where the crown is concerned, as it might be a means of preventing frauds and abuses which are suspected to be committed by some of the inferiour practitioners about the parliament house."

24th NOVEMBER. It is agreed to make a contribution for relieving the burgh of Kinghorn of the expense incurred in building the harbour at Pettycur.

Contributions are also resolved upon for the erection of the charity work-houses in Canongate and at the West Kirk respectively.

11th DECEMBER. An address to his majesty on his accession to the throne, drawn up by Lord Miltoun, the keeper, is agreed to.

1764.

22nd FEBRUARY. A committee is appointed to meet and confer with the committees appointed by the lords of session and faculty of advocates "with regard to any new scheme or plan proposed for the greater security of preserving the records of the nation."

25th JUNE. A memorial for James Ker, writer, one of the keepers of the records anent the completing of the index to the register of the great seal, is referred to a committee.

26th NOVEMBER. The committee report that "James Kerr's care and industry in compiling his index deserves a reward of £150 sterling.

1765.

8th MARCH. The pensions of widows are advanced to £20 sterling each.

25th NOVEMBER. Alexander Tait, one of the principal clerks of session, informed the meeting that his majesty had granted £12,000 sterling towards the purchase of ground and building a repository for the records of Scotland, and had

vested the disposal thereof in the keepers of the great and privy seals, the clerk register, justice-general, president of the session, chief baron of exchequer, and justice clerk, as trustees; and that it was under consideration to purchase a part of the Heriot's garden as a suitable area for the building. A committee of ten is appointed to bring in an overture anent the said building.

28th NOVEMBER. In a general meeting it was agreed to delay consideration of the report of the committee anent the building of a repository for the records, until the keeper have an opportunity of waiting on the trustees on the 30th current.

9th DECEMBER. The keeper gave in report of his meeting with the trustees anent the repository for the records, and thereafter moved, "that the society report it as their opinion that it will be for the benefit of the publick that all the offices be placed together: Secondly, that it will tend to the despatch of business, and will be for the ease of the practitioners that the offices be placed as near the parliament house as possible." Which was unanimously agreed to.

In regard to the question whether Heriot's garden was a proper place for the proposed building, the majority held that it was not.

"It was then moved that the meeting consider where a proper area or areas might be found, and several were suggested, viz., the area twixt the session house and Forrester's Wynd, the area in the old fish market twixt Mr. Lockhart's house and Borthwick's Close; the area where the old council chamber was; the area at the front of James's Court; the excise gardens; the area twixt the Infirmary and the principal's house; the Doctors' Yeads; Mr. Charter's area in the Canongate; Nicolson's Park, and Barefoot's Park." No conclusion was come to on these proposals.

1767.

21st JULY. "General meeting, Mr. William Forbes, preses. The preses presented to the meeting a letter sent him from the deputy-keeper which was read, and ordered to be recorded, whereof the tenor follows: 'Morningside, 21st July 1767.—Dear Sir,—I called this general meeting of my bretheren upon a very extraordinary occasion, in order to lay before them the wicked incendiary letters sent to my lord president. I humbly think we are called upon to express in the most publick manner our highest indignation of the malicious authors of that hellish performance, and our warmest resentment of the indignity and unparalleled insolence offered to the head of the college of justice, and in him to all its members. I'm sorry my present state of health does not permitt me to attend the meeting, having been confined for some days past by a gravilish complaint. The letters are in your clerk's hands; please to call for them, and lay them before our bretheren, who, I doubt not, will act the part that becomes them upon this interesting occasion. I beg my affectionate compliments to the meeting, and that my necessary absence may be excused. I am, Dear Sir, your most obedient humble servant. (Signed) ALEXR. M'MILLAN.'

"There was likeways presented and read to the meeting three incendiary letters sent to the lord president of a most horrid and desperately wicked nature. The

meeting do therefore nominate and appoint Messieurs William Forbes, John Smith, David Anderson, Samuell Mitchelson, senior, John Mackenzie, and John Davidson as a committee to prepare an act of the society's resolutions against so detestable criminalls as the authors of those incendiary letters are, to be laid before their next meeting on Thursday."

The resolution referred to is in these terms: "The keeper and society of writers to his majesty's signet, taking under their consideration three incendiary letters sent to the right honourable the lord president of the court of session, on account of a judgement in a cause before that court, and being deeply sensible of the atrocity of a crime so detestable in itself, and so pernicious in its consequences, think it their duty to express their abhorrence of such daring wickedness, and to give this public testimony of their respect for the court and for his lordship, who sustains his high character with distinguished honour and integrity. In order therefore that the offenders may be brought to justice, they do hereby offer a reward of three hundred guineas to any person who shall discover the author or authors of any of the aforesaid incendiary letters, except the authors themselves, to be paid by the treasurer of the society upon conviction of such offenders; and for raising a fund for this they agree to lay a tax on signet letters, as soon as the aforesaid sum shall be demanded from the treasurer. And they ordered this resolution to be published in all the public newspapers in Edinburgh. (Signed) Will. Forbes, preses."

1768.

27th JUNE. A contribution of 100 guineas is made by the society towards the building of a church for the Gaelic-speaking population of the city.

1769.

17th JANUARY. The meeting being of opinion that the sum payable by intrant writers for behoof of the library "was much too small for answering the purpose intended, and that the augmenting it to the sum now proposed would be still less expensive to the intrant than the entertainment in place of which it was at first established," do therefore ordain that every intrant shall, before his admission, pay to the treasurer ten pounds sterling, to be applied for purchasing books for the library, in place of the three guineas hitherto payable.

4th MARCH. "At a general meeting, the society of writers to the signet, taking into their consideration the attacks made on the houses of several of the judges and other members of the college of justice on Thursday night last, and the insult offered to the lord president, unanimously resolve and declare that they will take every method in their power to support the dignity of the court, the regular and quiet administration of justice, to protect the persons of the judges and other members of the college of justice, to preserve the publick peace and tranquillity, and to bring the disturbers of it to justice. (Signed) ALEX. M'MILLAN."

3d APRIL. "The society of writers to the signet, in a general meeting, having taken into their consideration an advertisement in the *London Chronicle* of the 11th

of March last (No. 1910), containing the resolution of this society at their last general meeting of the 4th of that month, do unanimously declare that such publication has been made by some officious person, as it was particularly agreed at the meeting not to insert that resolution in any newspaper, and having observed a *nota* subjoined to said resolution, which contains a false and injurious reflection upon the behaviour of one of their members, and which they consider as an indignity to the society itself, they think it necessary to express their disapprobation thereof in this public manner; and in order to prevent the like for the future, they have recommended to a committee of their number to use their best endeavours to discover the author, that he may be properly censured; and they appoint this minute to be inserted in the *London Chronicle* at the society's expense."

4th JULY. The treasurer intimated that he had received from William Gordon, Esq., solicitor-at-law, London, a member of their society, "the several cases before the house of peers from January 1756 to November 1760, which he had caused to be bound up into one volume folio, and to be put into the society's library." It was agreed to return the society's thanks to Mr. Gordon.

1773.

25th FEBRUARY. "The treasurer presented to the meeting a handsome copy, in two volumes, large paper, bound up together into one volume folio, of a book entitled 'An Institute of the Law of Scotland, by John Erskine, Esquire of Carnock, advocate,' etc., and informed them that it had been sent, along with a letter, from Mr. David Erskine, the author's son, one of the commissioners present, desiring it might be added by the clerk to the collection of the books belonging to the society." The meeting, having returned thanks for the valuable present, directed the clerk to place the book in their library.

1774.

10th JANUARY. The society, at a *pro re nata* meeting, vote 200 guineas towards defraying the cost of erecting "a qualified English chappel" in Edinburgh.

1775.

7th FEBRUARY. The keeper informed the meeting that he had received a verbal message from the lord president of the court of session, desiring that a committee might be named on the part of the society, to meet with a committee from the lords, and another from the faculty of advocates, to consider certain matters relating to the police of the city of Edinburgh and suburbs, and particularly with respect to the cleansing of the streets from nastiness, freeing the city and suburbs from beggars, removing the green market from the High Street, and providing of an effectual support to the charity workhouse. A committee was appointed accordingly.

The treasurer and Mr. John Davidson were authorised to treat with the keepers of the records in the laigh parliament house for the completion of Mr. M'Kail's index of charters.

2d MARCH. In regard to the proposal for the present relief of the poor in the charity workhouse, the society are of opinion that it is improper to decline their privilege of exemption from taxation, but declare their readiness to give a voluntary contribution of £150 sterling on the magistrates giving satisfaction that they are without delay to remove all vagrant beggars and other nuisances in terms of the act of parliament 1686.

6th MARCH. The committee anent the police arrangements are authorised to obtain information from the magistrates about the deficiency of the funds for building "their high schoolhouse," and the extent thereof, and what the city intends at present to contribute for that purpose in case they be aided by contributions from societies and individuals.

26th JUNE. A petition was presented on behalf of James Kerr and Alexander Robertson, keepers of the records in his majesty's general register house, to the effect that in consequence of a process against the directors and clerks of chancery, which ended in decree in their favour (the expenses amounting to £152, 16s. 4d. sterling), they recovered from the chancery office the records of charters from 1646 to 1760, and with much labour had made an index of these charters in two large folio volumes; and therefore craving some recompence for their trouble. A committee was named to confer with the petitioners on the subject.

1776.

25th NOVEMBER. The sum of fifty guineas is voted to the keepers of the records for the two last volumes of their index.

1778.

19th JANUARY. "At a general meeting of the whole society, John Mackenzie, Esq., deputy keeper, the keeper informed the society that he called this general meeting in consequence of a letter he had received from the lord provost, in name of the magistrates and council of the city of Edinburgh, enclosing a subscription paper for raising a regiment for his majesty's service in America, and upon which he wished to have the sentiments of the society, and their directions what answer he should make to the lord provost's letter. The meeting were unanimously of opinion, that it is the duty of all his majesty's good subjects to testify, on this very important occasion, their loyalty and attachment to his majesty's person and government, and their zeal for the honour and dignity of the nation, that the world may see the present unhappy contest is not the cause of a ministry or any particular number of men, but the cause of the legislature, animated and supported by the whole body of the nation, as well individuals as communitys; they directed their deputy keeper to subscribe five hundred guineas for and in name of the society, towards raising the said regiment."

It was resolved that no part of the sum mentioned should be taken from their poor's fund, but raised by a voluntary tax upon all letters passing the signet, but the treasurer should in the meantime pay the amount out of the funds, on demand, to the treasurer of the city.

29th JUNE. Mr. Samuel Mitchelson, treasurer, mentioned that the present hall and signet office were very inconvenient and unsafe: that the hall was too small for a general meeting, and there was no room for the society's books; and the records kept in the office, particularly the signatures of charters, etc., were exposed to the hazard of fire: that a large space of ground next the session house, where the old burrow room stood, had been bought lately by Sir William Forbes and Mr. Hunter, who were willing to give the society what part of it might be necessary for building a hall, and other conveniencies for the society; and that the city of Edinburgh were proprietors of a piece of ground upon the east side of that area, where the burrow court usually sat of old, and of the laigh walk, which the society might probably get at a reasonable rate: that the situation was extremely convenient, and the building might be rendered safe against fire: that the keeper and some other of the members of the society had thought, as he did, that it would be advantageous to build a hall and have the signet office there, and had got Mr. Craig, architect to make some plans of the ground and buildings, etc.: therefore he moved the society to appoint a committee to treat with Sir William Forbes and Mr. Hunter, for such part as they would be willing to give off; and to treat also with the city of Edinburgh for the area belonging to them; and to consider the plans of the buildings that might be necessary, and to have estimates of the expense prepared, so that the society might have the same laid before them, etc."

The motion was approved, and a committee named.

13th JULY. "The keeper reported that he had met with the magistrates of Edinburgh in relation to the proposed hall and signet office, and had got from them assurances that the council would be most willing to accommodate the society by giving them their property at a rate proportionable to that at which Sir William Forbes and Co. had bought the rest. He further stated that he had, along with Sir William Forbes and Co., applied to Mr. Salisbury, the overseer of the building of the register office, that he might, along with Mr. Craig for the society, and Mr. Laing for Sir William Forbes and Co., direct and oversee 'the tryals necessary to judge of the foundation that could be got.'" Approved.

Mr. Russell moved that future intrant apprentices should pay £5 for the library of the society at the recording of their indentures, as in part payment of the £10 paid by intrant members. Approved.

7th AUGUST. The keeper having mentioned that no one was entitled to lay out the money collected for the library in the purchase of proper books, and the necessity of having a proper stamp with the signet and the name of the society inscribed, to prevent the books from being lost, the meeting appointed the treasurer and Mr. David Erskine as curators to the library, with power to purchase books, and to get a stamp made for the books.

1779.

1st FEBRUARY. At a general meeting, the committee anent the new hall reported as already mentioned in regard to the terms upon which Sir William Forbes and Co., and the town of Edinburgh, agreed to dispoise the ground; and that the architects, Messrs. Craig and Salisbury, had, by the committee's instructions,

examined the foundation, and reported that it might be made perfectly sufficient. Estimates had also been made of the expense of founding and building the hall and office agreeably to the plan drawn by the architects, including the expense of securing the building against fire "by arming it with iron-plates," and also of the architect for overseeing the building. The report proceeds: "The committee have likewise inquired into the funds of the society which can properly be allocated towards this expense, and they only consist of the sum of £500 stg. subscribed by the society towards building the exchange on condition of their getting a hall in it, and of their present hall and signet office. The committee observe that the society by building their new hall would acquire a lodging and cellars in that space between the level of the Parliament Close and the foundation of the building; but as the situation and access are awkward and inconvenient, the committee are of opinion that no great value can be put upon this subject, more especially as they presume that the society would not incline to sell the lodging below their hall, but would choose to be masters of the whole building.

The estimates stand thus:—

"To price of Sir William Forbes & Co. area,	£245		
To do. of Toun of Edinburgh, area including			
£60 as the supposed value of two shops			
to which the toun has not a proper			
right,		186	6 8
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			£431 16 8
To expense of founding and finishing the			
hall as per Craig's estimate,	£2068	13	7
To expense of finishing the lodging below,	250		
To expense of securing the building against			
fire by iron plates,	125		
To architect overseeing the building,	125		
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			2568 13 7
Total expense,			£3000 10 3

From this amount the committee state these deductions, viz.:—the £500 subscribed for the exchange, and £200 as the supposed value of the present office, thus leaving a debt of £2300 to be incurred in building the hall. Towards the extinction of this debt the committee report that the present tax would yield £200 yearly; but it could not be applied for this purpose until the debt for which it was already imposed should be extinguished. On another calculation laid before the committee by Mr. George Sandy, "of the time in which the tax would clear off the sum of the expense of the new hall, with the balance of what remains due of the subscription for the Edinburgh Regiment," supposing the tax to yield at a medium £142 half-yearly, the whole of the expense and balance would be paid in twelve years and nine months from 1st November 1778.

The report is signed by John Davidson, the deputy-keeper.

After several members had delivered their opinions, a vote was taken, which resulted in a resolution by a "great majority" not to build the proposed hall.

28th JUNE. The keeper informed the society that Mr. Andrew Stuart, one of

the principal keepers, had presented to the society the whole journals of the Houses of Peers and Commons, and indexes, consisting of sixty volumes in folio, which were this day placed in the library; and that the lord advocate had procured a copy of the *London Gazette* to be sent down regularly for the use of the society. The meeting requested the keeper to return the thanks of the society to the donors.

1st JULY. The keeper informed the meeting that he had called them together in consequence of a recommendation he had received from the lord president of the court of session, intimating the intention of the courts of session and exchequer to present an address to his majesty "upon the present situation of public affairs," and that the address should be drawn up in the names of the college of justice and court of exchequer, and signed by the heads of the respective bodies of judges, advocates, and writers to the signet. The society agreed unanimously "that it was highly proper in the present circumstances of public affairs for them to testify their loyalty and attachment to his majesty in the manner proposed, and therefore authorised the keeper to subscribe the address in name of the society.

6th AUGUST. Thirty guineas are to be paid to Mr. Craig, architect, for making plans and estimates of the proposed hall.

29th NOVEMBER. The treasurer having reported that the 500 guineas subscribed by the society for raising a regiment for his majesty's service was now fully paid, the meeting resolved that the tax on signet letters imposed for that purpose be now discontinued.

13th DECEMBER. A clock for the signet hall having been ordered by the keeper, from Mr. Cowan, at the price of eight guineas, payment was ordered to be made out of the balance of £10, 3s. 3d. in hand, arising from the tax above mentioned, and the rest of the balance to be given to Mr. Mitchelson's clerks for their trouble in the matter.

1780.

10th FEBRUARY. "The keeper represented to the meeting that he had been applied to by several members of the society in relation to the society's resuming the consideration of building a hall and library, and particularly that Mr. Walter Scott had written him a letter on the subject, with a proposal by Mr. Laing to build these rooms, with a signet office and a house below them, which, he said, might be all done well for two thousand pounds; that he had sent him a plan of the whole, and that the hall might be 30 by 22 feet, and 18 feet high; that by adding a small bit of ground which belonged to the city, it might be made 35 by 22 feet; and that the place pointed out for the building was the westmost part of the ground formerly proposed for that purpose; that the place was certainly the most convenient for the society that could be found, because of its contiguity to the Parliament House." It was resolved to call a general meeting to consider the proposal.

14th FEBRUARY. The general meeting being called by advertisement inserted in all the newspapers, the proposal anent the new hall was considered, and, being put

to the vote, "a great majority" were in favour of it. The meeting then unanimously remitted to the commissioners, or their quorum, to contract for the building at a sum not exceeding £2100, and authorised them to uplift the society's funds to that extent; and that a tax be imposed on all letters passing the signet, signed by a writer to the signet, in order to make up the interest of the said sum, and also for a sinking fund to repay the same, the said tax to be twopence on all ordinary letters, sixpence on suspensions, advocations, and summonses, and ten shillings on precepts.

25th FEBRUARY. A remit is agreed upon to Messrs. Baxter, Salisbury, & Brown, architects, for a report upon "the sufficiency of the foundation" for the proposed hall.

9th MARCH. The keeper represented that he had not yet received the architect's report, but that he had a letter from Mr. Craig, architect, saying that if there was a hall and signet office to be built on the proposed area, it could not be a larger room than might be in the Writers' Court, by taking down the partition and taking in the closet.

11th JULY. A proposal for subscription towards the erection of a battery for the defence of Leith Harbour was deferred for after consideration.

20th JULY. The members resolved to subscribe towards the battery as individuals, but not as a society.

1781.

2d MARCH. It is ordered that in future a list of the members of the society shall be inserted in the minute-book as at the 1st of January of each year.

21st DECEMBER. A general meeting. The society having under consideration the practice of slaughtering cattle within the city, are of opinion that it is a great nuisance, and resolve to express their approbation of the attention shown by the magistrates in taking measures for preventing the evil in future; and also to request the deputy keeper to recommend to the lord keeper and Mr. Andrew Stuart "to countenance the application to parliament" to that effect.

1782.

24th JANUARY. Mr. Mitchelson reported that, at the desire of the keeper and some of the commissioners, he had purchased for the society the house immediately above the signet office for a hall and library to the society, at the price of £342 sterling. The meeting approved of the purchase.

1783.

4th FEBRUARY. It is agreed to purchase from Mr. Marshall, W.S., the house immediately below the signet office at the price of £240.

7th MARCH. On a representation from the managers of the charity workhouse as to the state of the funds, and requesting a contribution, it was agreed to open a voluntary contribution, to be collected by means of "a box with a slit in the top, fixed in the signet hall."

12th AUGUST. The amount collected for the charity workhouse is stated at £93, 11s. 6d. sterling.

24th NOVEMBER. It is agreed that henceforth the fees of apprentices, to be paid on entering into indentures, be augmented from £80 to £100 sterling.

The keeper informed the meeting that Mr. Andrew Stuart, writer to the signet, had presented to the society a complete set of the rolls of parliament, and journals of the houses of lords and commons down to the present time; and that Lord Dunmore had also presented a copy of Domesday Book elegantly bound. Thanks were voted to the donors.

1784.

7th MAY. The keeper laid before the meeting the plans drawn by Mr. Craig, architect, for the proposed alterations of the hall and office, which being approved, a committee was appointed to superintend the work.

12th AUGUST. The keeper reported the interloquitor of the dean of guild court anent the alterations in the hall, granting permission for the same, but under the provision mentioned in Messrs. Allan and Stuart's letter, which was to the effect that they had no objection to the society having an entry to their hall from the exchange, provided they decorated their gable something like the rest of the exchange, and made their entry over an iron grating, with open rails on each side so as not to hurt the light of their stair. The opinion of the deacons of the masons and wrights was also submitted, to the effect that the alterations could be made without any detriment to the heritors and neighbouring properties: whereupon it was agreed to petition the dean of guild court to have the condition about the entry removed, etc.

11th SEPTEMBER. The keeper reported that in regard to the aforesaid petition, the dean of guild court allowed the work to go on, upon condition that they found caution to indemnify the heritors of the tenement for any damage which might be occasioned by the alterations. This was agreed to, and Mr. Alexander Keith was appointed to converse with Messrs. Allan and Stuart for the removal of their objection about the entry.

The Fifth Volume.

1785.

12th JULY. At a general meeting, a report was submitted by the committee appointed at last meeting in reference to the proposed tax upon attorneys, to the effect that "the proposed tax, if not guarded by a proper explanation or exception in favour of the clerks or writers to the signet in Scotland, might lead to an abridgment of their undoubted privileges, and derogate from the nature of their institution and establishment. That a tax upon attorneys, solicitors, and agents practising before the supreme courts in Scotland, ought not to affect a body of men falling under a description altogether different, whether in the establishment of their society, and the nature of the office thereby conferred, or in the manner of their admission, the qualifications they must possess or the privileges they enjoy. That the clerks or writers to his majesty's signet practise before the court of session in Scotland not in the character of solicitors and law agents admitted by the court, and who are not even members of the college of justice, but by virtue of an ancient privilege incident and annexed to their office as clerks to the signet. That they were an established body before the institution of the college of justice, and acted immediately under one of the principal secretaries of state (now under the principal keeper of the royal signet) in forming and signing all writs passing the signet. That they were accordingly recognised at the institution of the college of justice as a considerable branch of that establishment, and were then authorised in addition to their former functions to draw up and sign all summonses on which actions and suits were to proceed in place of brieves formerly issued from chancery. That as they thus formed and signed the summons on which actions and suits proceeded, so they have always acted as solicitors or agents in conducting or managing such suits and actions before the supreme courts as a privilege immemorially incident to their office, and which, along with the other privileges of the college of justice, stands now unalterably confirmed by the articles of union. That they hold regular commissions from the principal keeper of his majesty's signet as authorised by his majesty, which can only be obtained after a regular and expensive course of education to the Scotch law, upon examination and admission by the society themselves without the interposition of the court of session; and that out of the society, in common with the faculty of advocates, not only the principal clerks of court, but even the judges themselves are eligible."

The report then proceeds to define the position, duties, and privileges of the solicitors and agents as altogether different from them; and concludes by insisting that the matter "be put beyond doubt by an express exception or explanation in the bill to be brought in for that purpose, and that such resolutions on the subject as the society may think proper to adopt ought to be immediately transmitted by the deputy keeper to the right honourable Henry Dundas, the principal keeper."

The keeper informed the meeting that he had sent a copy of the above report to Mr. Dundas, and had likewise written to Mr. James Chalmers, solicitor at law and member of the society, to attend to their interest, and procure a copy of the bill to be sent down as soon as it should be brought in. The report and the keeper's conduct were approved.

In regard to a regulation about to take place in the post office for the despatch of the London north and west mails some hours sooner than at present, a committee was appointed that in case they should find the change inconvenient for the society, they should take steps to have it rectified.

28th JULY. At a general meeting, the keeper having produced a letter from Mr. Dundas, and another from Mr. James Chalmers, in regard to the proposed tax upon attorneys, it was, after reasoning, agreed that "it was not proper for this society at present to take any steps whatever in the matter."

8th AUGUST. Mr. Isaac Grant having mentioned that he and other members were summoned to act upon jury, and craved direction from the meeting, it was "resolved to maintain the privilege of the society as to their being free from the office of jurymen," and the keeper was recommended to wait on the lord justice-clerk and mention this to him, intimating their willingness to follow any method the court might appoint for determining the matter. "Also the members summoned were recommended to petition the court of justiciary to sustain their privilege."

24th NOVEMBER. The keeper having represented that some of the members had doubt about their being liable in payment of the attorney tax, and that he understood the king's counsel had given their opinion that the members of the society were liable, it was agreed to name a committee to commune with the king's counsel on the subject.

28th NOVEMBER. It was agreed that the keeper be requested to order the votes of the house of commons to be sent down to the office for the use of the members.

In reference to certain regulations proposed by the faculty of advocates, for preventing persons from going to the bar after twenty-seven years of age, after several discussions of the subject, a committee was appointed to wait upon the court, and to oppose the enactment of these regulations.

1786.

13th MARCH. At a general meeting, a bill which the magistrates of Edinburgh had applied for leave to bring into Parliament, for establishing a poors' rate in the city, for which the members of the college of justice should be liable in common with other citizens, was considered, and it was resolved to oppose the same, in so far as it infringed the rights and privileges of the society as members of the college of justice.

It was also resolved to defend any prosecution of members for refusing to pay the tax for lighting the streets, on the ground that the society ought not to be liable for such taxes.

19th JUNE. The keeper intimated that certain members had been demanded for payment of the lamp tax and the poors' money, and that on inquiry at the Lord

Provost as to the intentions of the magistrates, it was stated that the town council were advised that the society were liable in payment of these rates, and had caused their collectors to demand it; but that no proceedings should be taken against any member of the college of justice until the question was determined in court of law.

As to the stamp tax, as the keeper and some other members had already paid it, the meeting advised that a bill of suspension should be presented by the treasurer (who had not paid), in his own name and that of the society.

The keeper informed the meeting that the lord advocate told him that it was proposed to bring a bill into parliament during the present session to amend the former act upon the attorney tax, and to modify and lessen the tax considerably; and that he had left the management of the matter to Sir Adam Ferguson.

It was agreed to instruct Mr. James Chalmers to wait on Sir Adam, and to ascertain the nature of the amendments.

26th JULY. The meeting approved of a proposal of the lord advocate, to have the point how far this society fell under the act anent the attorney tax, tried by a suit against the procurator-fiscal; and it was agreed that the decision should be held to bind the society.

27th NOVEMBER. A letter to the keeper from the juridical society was produced, to the effect that "the said society had dedicated their collection of styles to the society of writers to the signet, as a testimony of the high regard and esteem which the members of the juridical society entertain for that very respectable body." They also presented a copy of the volume of styles, presently published, for the society's library.

4th DECEMBER. At a general meeting the keeper intimated that by the decision pronounced by the court of law last week, the society were found liable for payment of the attorney tax. After some reasoning, it was resolved to submit to the decision; and also to instruct the committee to wait on the lord advocate to inform him of the resolution, and to express their trust that he would use his endeavour to obtain a mitigation of the law as to this country.

1787.

3d MAY. At a general meeting it was resolved to oppose the bill now in Parliament, for procuring *inter alia* an increase of the city guard, to be provided for by an assessment upon those of the inhabitants who do not at present pay anything for the guard—including, it was understood, the society of writers to the signet and other members of the college of justice.

25th JUNE. The committee anent the privileges of the society is authorised to inspect the records, in reference especially to the exclusion of the writers to the signet from holding sheriffships in Scotland, and to report their opinion about obtaining redress of this exclusion, as well as of the hurt done to the society by the attorney tax.

26th NOVEMBER. It was agreed that every apprentice before entering into an indenture, shall pay £10 to the library fund, which sum should be allowed at his entering writer to the signet.

15th DECEMBER. As a mark of respect to the late lord president Dundas, the society resolve to attend the funeral of his lordship in full mourning and in their gowns, accompanied by their officer in his gown and baton.

1788.

16th JANUARY. The keeper and six of the members are appointed to wait upon the right honourable Thomas Millar, to congratulate him on his promotion to be lord president.

It is ruled that when in the parliament house members may wear their gowns if they please; but when attending causes at the bar they should appear in their gowns.

7th MARCH. At a general meeting, the keeper represented that by the recent judgment of the court of session, the society was found entitled to exemption from the payment of poors' money; but as their opposition to that assessment did not arise from pecuniary or interested motives, but from a regard to their privileges, he submitted whether it might not be proper for the society now to make a donation for behoof of the charity workhouse. The meeting unanimously resolved that the sum of 500 guineas be paid over to the treasurer of the workhouse.

30th JUNE. It was unanimously resolved that it is proper and becoming in the members of this society to wear their gowns in the parliament house.

It was moved that at a future meeting a committee should be appointed to inquire into the state of the library, the fund thereof, and to draw up rules for the management and regulation of the same.

24th NOVEMBER. The curators of the library and five members are appointed to draw up the rules aforesaid.

1789.

7th APRIL. The magistrates of Edinburgh having appealed against the decision of the court of session, in the action anent the liability of the members of the college of justice for poors' money, it was agreed to instruct Mr. Chalmers, in London, for the purpose of opposing the appeal.

20th APRIL. It was resolved to petition parliament for the repeal of the attorney tax.

29th JUNE. The keeper is authorised to cause a proper seal of the society to be engraven, with their device, and, if necessary, to matriculate the same in the Lyon office.

A committee is appointed to prepare an address to be presented to the king, congratulating him on his recovery from severe illness.

30th NOVEMBER. It is agreed to congratulate the right honourable Islay Campbell, on his appointment as lord president.

The keeper having intimated that the magistrates of Edinburgh had resolved to build a new university in this city, it was agreed, by a majority of seventy-five, to subscribe to the amount of 600 guineas towards the building.

1790.

28th JUNE. The second volume of styles was presented by the juridical society to the library of the writers to the signet.

1791.

Mr. Tytler, preses, informed the commissioners that the deputy-keeper had received a letter from the dean of faculty, requesting a conversation with them in regard to the scheme of erecting a set of buildings for the college of justice. The meeting sent notice to the dean that they were ready to wait on him at the advocates' library; but the dean hearing that they were in the signet hall, came to them there, with Mr. Allan, Mr. Maconochie, and Mr. Adam, architect, and explained the proposed buildings, and that the part intended for the society was at the north end of the buildings, and would contain a spacious hall and library room, on the first floor, with apartments for the signet office and records in the sunk story, the expense of which was estimated at about £4300 sterling. Mr. Adam having shown and explained the plans, the dean stated that the court and faculty had agreed to their parts of the work, and waited for the determination of this society. The preses answered that as this was the first notice given to the society of the intended building, it would be necessary to call a general meeting to consider the matter; and, in the meantime, requested Mr. Adam to make out a sketch of those parts of the building intended for the society, with an estimate of the expense, to be inspected by the members.

26th AUGUST. At a general meeting in reference to the proposed buildings, it was agreed to defer consideration thereof till November, a committee being meanwhile appointed to prepare a report.

28th NOVEMBER. Presentation by Mr. William Macdonald, of his essay on civil imprisonment in England, to the society, for their library.

1792.

28th MAY. The committee upon the library give in their report, to the effect that the present library room is far too small to contain the books already collected, many of them lying on the floor for want of accommodation; that the deputy keeper had caused a catalogue to be made out and printed, of which copies were

ready to be delivered to members; that the library fund amounted to between £1200 and £1300 sterling; that instead of three curators there should be nine, three of whom should retire annually, to make way for others to be chosen by the society; that these curators should be instructed to consider plans for enlarging the library, and to make rules for giving out the books; and that they should grant warrants for the purchase of books.

The meeting, after reasoning on the subject, approve the report, with these variations:—"First, That any two of the curators may purchase any book published in Edinburgh, or under the value of £5 sterling. Secondly, That the nine curators shall now be chosen in the following manner, namely, the list to be divided into two equal parts, and the four eldest members of the first half, and also the four eldest members of the second half, along with the deputy keeper, shall be curators for the ensuing year; and at every subsequent general meeting in May four of the curators shall go out, and the society shall name four others in their room, two of whom shall be taken from the first half of the list, and two from the second half, in the order of the list downwards, the deputy keeper always remaining one."

17th DECEMBER. At a general meeting, a motion by Mr. Robinson:—"That the management, application, and administration of the whole stock and funds of the society should be vested in, and belong to, the society at large," was, after a vote, agreed to.

The following resolutions, upon the motion of Mr. Boswell, were adopted:—"First, Resolve unanimously, that feeling ourselves free and happy under our present excellent and unrivalled constitution, it is equally our duty and our interest to support and defend it. Secondly, Resolved unanimously, that in our respective stations and relations, and according to our several opportunities, we will do so at the hazard of our lives and fortunes. Thirdly, Resolved unanimously, that in the present state of this country, and in opposition to every species of licentiousness and sedition, in word, writing, or practice, it becomes us as loyal subjects of the king and constitution to declare these our sentiments, and that the same be published accordingly, in all the most reputable newspapers in Great Britain."

1793.

27th MAY. The deputy keeper informed the meeting that he had received a letter from Mr. Robert Bell, one of their brethren, to the effect that having long wished to see a collection of decisions under authority of this society, he was now enabled to present to them a specimen of such a collection, dedicated to the society; and that they would observe that he had in view in the said collection, more particularly their own province, viz., conveyancing, for the purpose of drawing together a body of information which may be of use in the practical part of their business; and adding, "Indeed, sir, I have often wondered how our society should so long have neglected a science so entirely their own. . . . The country has some right to expect that, as we are possessed of exclusive privileges, we should cultivate, by every means in our power, that department which we constitutionally possess; and as there is no department which requires a greater degree of knowledge, nor more enlarged and comprehensive views, than conveyancing, there surely can be no object so truly

important, either to our own body or to the community at large, as the state of that science," etc.

After the reading of this letter, Mr. William Macdonald moved, "That as it is the duty of this society to promote the study of conveyancing, and as it appears necessary, for the proper attainment of this object, that one of the members should be appointed to deliver annually a course of lectures on the theory and practice of conveyancing, and to collect the decisions of the court of session, and in a particular manner those decisions which more immediately relate to our own department, the society therefore do resolve that in future one of its members shall be elected to fill these offices; and as an encouragement to the undertaking of this important charge, it is hereby enacted that from the period of the commencement of the said course of lectures, every candidate, who applies for admission into this society, shall produce to the examiners a certificate of his having attended a course of these lectures, and that every apprentice shall in future, during his apprenticeship, attend at least one course. *Secondly*, That as Mr. Bell has proposed and bestowed great pains upon this plan, he should be named by the society to fill these offices."

The meeting, after reasoning, ordered that the deputy keeper should in the name of the society give thanks to Mr. Bell for the trouble he had taken in collecting the decisions, and that he be requested to continue his labours therein. The motions were ordered to lie on the table till the general meeting in November, and Mr. Bell was requested to lodge in the hands of the clerk the general plan of the lectures he proposed, the mode and period of delivering them, etc., with a view to having the plan printed and distributed among the members.

10th JULY. Mr. John Anderson moved, "That a librarian should be named by the society, for the purpose of attending in the library and taking care of the books, and that the *Edinburgh Gazette* and some respectable English newspapers should be regularly got up for the society, and should lie in the library for the perusal of the members." The motion was seconded, and ordered to lie on the table till the general meeting in November.

25th NOVEMBER. A memorial from Alexander Alison, assistant clerk in the signet office, praying to be appointed librarian, is remitted to a committee.

Mr. William Macdonald mentioned, in reference to his motion respecting the lecturer on conveyancing, that it was now thought proper to leave out that part of it relating to the attendance of apprentices, and therefore he now moved, "That as it is the duty of the society to promote the study of conveyancing, and as it appears necessary, for the proper attainment of this object, that one of the members should be appointed to deliver annually a course of lectures on the theory and practice of conveyancing, and to collect the decisions of the court of session which more immediately relate to our own department, the society do therefore resolve that in future one of its members shall be elected to fill these offices. *Secondly*, That as Mr. Bell had proposed and bestowed great pains on this plan, he should be named by the society to fill these offices." The motion was unanimously adopted, and Mr. Robert Bell was duly appointed, who at the same time received 100 guineas for the trouble he had already incurred in preparing and publishing the decisions.

It was remitted to a committee to consider what salary should be paid in future to Mr. Bell.

16th DECEMBER. On the committee's report it was agreed to pay to Mr. Bell sixty guineas yearly. The committee were instructed to inform the lord president of the appointment of Mr. Bell to the office of collector, and to request that his lordship would move the court to appoint a proper place in the inner house for his use, and to allow a box to be placed for receiving the printed papers for his use.

A letter of thanks for the appointment was then read from Mr. Bell.

1794.

26th May. The report of the committee upon the library is ordered to be printed, and distributed for consideration at next general meeting in November.

Mr. Robinson gave in report from the committee in reference to finding accommodation for the collector of decisions in the court, with a letter from Mr. Bell on the subject, to the effect that "the court unanimously disapproved of taking down the opinions of the judges with their names; and as to a seat for your collector, they do not conceive themselves to have any concern in the area of the court, nor do they wish to interfere in the allotment of it." Mr. Bell in his letter intimated his readiness to comply with any change the society might now think proper to make in the plan, and Mr. Robinson having stated that the lord president had said that the court would be well pleased to see the collector take a seat on the benches at the bar, it was agreed to leave Mr. Bell to do in the matter what was most expedient.

The report of the library committee is here engrossed in the minutes, tracing the origin of the library, and reciting the various references to the subject in the minutes down to the present time, and suggesting some regulations for the management of it; and first, they recommend that a new library room be procured, that in the event of a librarian being appointed, he should be "a person of attention and knowledge in books, and who should attend for certain stated hours every lawful day for the purpose of giving out and taking in books; that five curators be elected annually, for the purpose of buying books, and regulating entirely the business of the library; that no books be given out without a receipt and obligation to return the same. Suggestions are then given for gathering in the books now in the hands of members, and having a catalogue made, and until a librarian shall be appointed, which they think should not be until a new room is procured, the charge should in the meantime be committed to Mr. John Cameron, who for a considerable time past had managed the library.

24th NOVEMBER. General meeting. The report of the committee of the library being again under consideration, it was moved by Mr. Inglis, "That it should be simpliciter approved of, and that it should be recommitted to the same committee to consider more particularly how the scheme therein suggested of procuring a new library room, which seemed absolutely necessary, can most easily be effected,—recommending to the committee to have in view the plan of the late Mr. Adam, of a new inner house, advocates' library, and signet hall, and that the committee should be appointed in room of a former named in the minute of the 26th August 1791 (whose powers therefore should be withdrawn), for the purpose of communicating with the dean of the faculty of advocates and his counsel upon this subject." This motion, being seconded by Mr. George Johnston, was approved, with the addition of

thanks to the committee for their exertions, and attention to the important task committed to their charge.

A report from the interim curators was read and approved, and five others were appointed, with the addition of the deputy keeper and treasurer for the management of the library until the next general meeting in November, with power to purchase books, to remunerate Mr. Cameron for his trouble, and to take measures for calling in the books now in the hands of members.

A memorial from Mr. Weir, proprietor of a museum, having been considered by a committee, is thus reported on: "The meeting having carefully perused Mr. Weir's memorial, and considered with attention his plan, so useful to the community, which remains in a state not entirely compleat from the want of funds, and that it is Mr. Weir's determination to put the museum under the management of the heads of the different public bodies in Edinburgh (and among others under the charge of the president of this society as one of the curators), which will have the effect of its continuance within the metropolis of Scotland, the members of this committee are of opinion that some substantial mark of the society's approbation of this valuable collection (which would have done honour to a community) should be bestowed on Mr. Weir, whose industry and exertions as an obscure individual are nearly unparalleled." The committee accordingly suggest a payment of twenty guineas yearly for three years out of the library fund, "conceiving that a subscription of this nature, so highly conducive to the study of Natural History, comes with much propriety from a fund of this description." The report to lie on the table till next general meeting.

Mr. Bell stated that he had now so far prepared the lectures on conveyancing that he would be able to begin the course immediately after the Christmas holidays, and submitted to the society whether it would not be proper for them to procure a room in which the lectures might be delivered. A committee was appointed for this end.

22d DECEMBER. The report on Mr. Weir's museum is approved.

1795.

14th JANUARY. The committee anent a proper place for the delivery of Mr. Bell's lectures, report that they had waited on the lord provost to move the town council to grant the use of a room in the college, and that his lordship had received them with much politeness, and assured them of his best endeavours to forward the purpose of this application. That they had also waited on the dean of faculty, who had expressed in the strongest manner his desire to forward the business. In the meantime, as the first lecture was advertised for Thursday next, it was agreed to grant the use of the signet hall for that purpose, till the next general meeting in February.

2d FEBRUARY. The use of the hall continued to Mr. Bell till May.

25th MAY. The same privilege continued.

Mr. Marshall laid on the table certain proceedings which had lately taken place in a question before the magistrates of Edinburgh between himself as a member of the college of justice, and the city's tacksman of the causeway mail, in which Mr.

Marshall had prevailed. Upon a motion, the unanimous thanks of the society were awarded to him for his exertions in support of their privileges. The process is inserted in the minutes, and shows that "on Monday the 20th of April, the complainer, James Marshall, had occasion to send two dozen ale and one dozen porter from Greenside House, on the farm of Upper Quarry Holes, where he occasionally resides, to his house in Miln's Square, and that Alexander Taylor, acting for David Riddoch, tacksman of the causeway mail, at the north end of the North Bridge, stopped William Broddie, the porter who was carrying the said ale and porter, untill he should pay him a halfpenny sterling under the denomination of causeway mail, and the said William Broddie not having at the time a halfpenny upon him, the said Alexander Taylor took him bound to return immediately after delivering the ale, etc., and pay him the halfpenny, which he accordingly did, having demanded and received the same from the complainer over and above the earnings of the burden from Greenside to Miln's Square." The case having been brought to trial, the bailie found that the demand for custom was improper, and ordained Riddoch to repay the halfpenny to the pursuer.

Mr. Marshall then called the attention of the meeting to a practice which he understood prevailed of "the improper and illegal communication of the privileges of the society by certain members by means of co-partnery, to gentlemen unqualified."

The procurator-fiscal was instructed to enquire into this matter with a view to redress.

29th JUNE. The curators of the library reported that they had paid to John Cameron, fifty guineas for collecting and arranging the books in the library, making a new catalogue, and attending the library from November 1793 to the first of May last, and proposed that £25 yearly should in future be allowed to him, which was approved.

30th November. It was agreed by a majority to present an address to the king, congratulating him on the failure of a recent attack upon his person, while proceeding to the discharge of one of the most important duties of his high station, and expressing their opinion that measures should be taken not only to prevent such outrages, but to "tie up the hands of wicked and designing men from attempting by seditious speeches, meetings, or otherwise," to overthrow the constitution.

30th NOVEMBER. The use of the hall is continued to Mr. Bell till next general meeting.

It was also agreed to allow the use of the hall to the juridical society for their meetings on Monday evenings, during the session.

1796.

1st FEBRUARY. A letter of thanks for the use of the signet hall was received from the juridical society, concluding thus: "They have directed their president and secretary to express in their name the very high respect they entertain for your learned body."

17th MARCH. A letter from the lord provost was read requesting a contribu-

tion for the purpose of supplying meal to the poor at reduced prices. It was agreed to subscribe 250 guineas.

The meeting approve of a proposal that the north post should leave Edinburgh at 9 o'clock in the morning instead of one o'clock afternoon as at present.

30th MAY. A motion by Mr. Ainslie, to the effect that every candidate for the office of a clerk to the signet should attend three courses of law classes, viz., one of Scots law, one of conveyancing, and a third either of Scots law, of conveyancing, or of civil law, and that a salary be annexed to the office of lecturer on conveyancing, remitted to a committee.

11th JULY. The above motion having been reported on favourably, is agreed to, except that those whose indentures were entered on prior to 27th June 1796, are exempted from attendance on the third course; also that each apprentice shall pay on his entry one guinea towards maintaining the lectures on conveyancing.

Mr. Bell stated that a committee of the court had been appointed "for the purpose of suggesting means for preventing the opinions of the judges from being published in the collection of cases authorised by the society." A committee of the society was then appointed to meet with the other.

5th DECEMBER. The committee on the collection of decisions report, that Mr. Bell had written to the lord president explaining the grounds upon which he had already proceeded with the collection, but that he was ready to give it up entirely: that the committee had met first with the lord president, and then with the whole of the judges, when the lord president, on behalf of the court, highly approved of the institution of a course of lectures on conveyancing, as a desideratum hitherto in the legal education of this country, and suggested that it should be made a professorship: that the committee therefore recommend that the collection of decisions be given up, and the salary annexed to that office be transferred to the lecturer on conveyancing, and that proper steps be taken for obtaining a professor's chair in the university; and with that view that a memorial be presented to the court. A copy of the proposed memorial is annexed to the report, and is conform thereto.

On the motion of Mr. Gibson, a committee was appointed to consider whether any and what measures should be adopted by the society, tending to the improvement of the police and the better lighting of the streets of the city and extended royalty.

1797.

6th FEBRUARY. The committee anent the professorship of conveyancing report that they had learned that a report had been given in to the judges by the faculty of advocates inimical to the plans proposed by the society in their memorial; and that they had applied to Lord Eskgrove, convener of the committee of the court, for leave to give in another memorial to that committee, which his lordship granted. The report having been approved, the committee were instructed to prepare the second memorial, and to have it printed and distributed among the members before next general meeting.

6th JUNE. The aforesaid memorial is approved and remitted for presentation to the judges.

27th NOVEMBER. It was agreed that the thanks of the society be communicated to Mr. Chalmers, their solicitor in London, for the trouble he had taken on their behalf in the present business of the stamp acts, and to request him to continue attending to the society's interest in that matter, and in all matters in future in parliament affecting the society; "and in particular to endeavour to get remedied the mistake in this society not being included among those public bodies to whom copies of the statutes are to be regularly transmitted."

It was resolved to co-operate with other public bodies in obtaining an earlier despatch of the northern post from Edinburgh.

1798.

5th FEBRUARY. A motion for calling a *pro re nata* meeting on the 12th current, "to take into consideration the present critical situation of the British empire, when her best and dearest interests are at stake," is approved. The motion bears that "it is the duty of all good subjects to stand forward in defence of the constitution, and in the preservation of our religious laws and liberties, against the attacks of an insatiable and imperious foe."

12th FEBRUARY. The general meeting resolve unanimously to subscribe 2000 guineas towards the support of the state "at the present crisis of affairs," and it is also resolved that if the state should require further aid "they will from time to time come cheerfully forward and give every assistance in their power."

10th JULY. The society agree to assess themselves for one year at the rate of 2 per cent. on their valued rent for the relief of soldiers' wives and families.

1799.

5th MARCH. It is resolved that in future no more than one book shall be given out from the library at one time.

24th JUNE. A motion by Mr. Wemyss that he should submit to the next general meeting a "plan for printing all that is extant of the records of the Scots parliament and of the privy council, for the library of the society," is ordered to lie on the table.

25th NOVEMBER. The meeting subscribe five guineas towards the public kitchen.

1800.

5th MARCH. The deputy keeper mentioned that the room used as a library being too small, some members had proposed that a gallery be erected in the hall for the reception of books, with a communication to the library, but that Mr. Young,

architect, was of opinion that such a structure would be both dangerous and clumsy; that it had occurred, therefore, to some of the committee to consider about acquiring a house now for sale, which belonged to the late Mr. Home Rigg, situated at the foot of Gosford's Close, which might suit the society as well for a library as a hall, office, and place for keeping the records, the price amounting to £1000. The matter was deferred.

23d MAY. The society's clear stock is stated at £10,255, 17s. 9d.; the established annual revenue at £557, 6s. 2½d., and annual expenditure at £494, 5s. 4d.

26th MAY. An address to the king "on his late providential escape from assassination" was unanimously resolved on.

27th NOVEMBER. The bill "proposed in parliament for the temporary relief of the industrious and occasional poor in the city and suburbs not entitled to parochial relief," is approved of in principle, and the society agree to waive their privilege as members of the college of justice on the present occasion. The occasion of the relief is stated to be the high price of provisions on account of the deficiency of the last and the preceding crops.

1801.

2d FEBRUARY. It is agreed not to purchase Mr. Rigg's house.

Mr. Wemys stated that an order was lately given by the royal commissioners for publishing the records of the kingdom, and therefore he withdrew his motion on that subject.

29th JUNE. The society vote 300 guineas to the charity workhouse, to be raised by a tax on signet letters.

1802.

29th NOVEMBER. Mr. Bell having stated in a letter that his average income from the fees of the apprentices connected with the lectureship on conveyancing amounted to £29 instead of £40, as proposed by the society, the meeting was of opinion that they were not responsible for the deficiency.

Abstracts of the various funds of the society are here given in the minutes—the library fund is stated for the ten years from 1792 to 1802—at which last date there is a balance to credit of £798, 14s. 6d., exclusive of interest for the three years preceding.

1804.

28th MAY. The library committee report that considerable progress had been made in examining the state of the books, getting them bound, and making a complete catalogue of the whole, but that much inconvenience arose by the failure of

some members to return the books. A list of defaulters was given in, and the committee empowered to prosecute them for the penalties.

25th JUNE. An interim report by the sub-committee of the library was given in, and ordered to be printed for distribution among the members. The report is dated 20th March 1804, and details the difficulties encountered by Mr. Sandy in arranging, shelving, and cataloguing the books, and concludes with the suggestion of a set of rules for the better management of the library. The report was approved.

The Sixth Volume.

1806.

24th JUNE. At a general meeting called for the purpose, and after discussion, it was agreed to present an address of congratulation to Lord Melville upon his "recent acquittal from all the articles of impeachment brought against him." Mr. James Gibson moved the previous question, but on a division 121 voted for the address to 38 against.

7th JULY. Motions in regard to the library fund having been considered, it was resolved "that a contribution of seven shillings and sixpence on every precept passing the signet consisting of six or a less number of sheets; and fifteen shillings on every precept consisting of more than six sheets, should be levied at the signet office, from this date till the general meeting in November 1807, towards the augmentation of the library fund. Also "that in future every apprentice entering into an indenture with any member of the society should, instead of the sum of ten pounds at present paid to the library fund, pay twenty pounds towards the increase of said fund."

In the report of the curators of the library referred to at this meeting, it is stated that when the tax of £10 on each apprentice was imposed, the average number of apprentices admitted yearly was thirty-five, but that it had now declined to twenty-five: that whereas "the whole of the £350 (derived from the said tax) was formerly applicable to the purchase of books, now that the library fund is burdened with the salaries of the lecturer on conveyancing and the librarian, amounting together to £143, and with the expense of printing, stationery, and insurance, the income applicable to the purchase of books is under £100: that since the library was established the price of books has increased at least 100 *per cent.*" The income is thus shown to be "insufficient even to enable the curators to keep pace in their purchases of respectable books with the annual progress of literature; and of course, it still less enables them to make additions to their collection of those classical or scientific works of an older date without which the library must for ever remain imperfect." After pointing to the prospect of suitable accommodation, and the desirability of affording means for gradually extinguishing the debt to be thereby incurred, by increasing the income of the library, the curators "regret the less the necessity of imposing the additional burden on apprentices from the consideration that the library is now a most respectable and useful establishment; that thus in

fact the burden is fully compensated, and that the income is reduced to its present low state in a great measure by the expense of an institution, the class of conveyancing, calculated solely for the benefit of apprentices."

1807.

3d FEBRUARY. Mr. Donaldson, from the library committee, having stated that they had found it necessary for the accommodation of the library to take the house on the same floor with the library for a year, with the option of purchasing it on certain terms, the meeting approve the taking of the house, but defer consideration of the purchase.

25th MAY. The library committee are authorised to purchase the house above referred to if they think it expedient.

1808.

1st FEBRUARY. It was resolved that 100 guineas be paid to Mr. Napier, in terms of the motion of 30th November, and that his salary be raised. The thanks of the society were also given to Mr. Napier for his "great exertions in the business of the library."

A report was read from the curators of the library in regard to a plan for erecting a set of buildings for the accommodation of the faculty of advocates, and of this society, and other public purposes. It was agreed to approve the report and to recommit the business to the curators.

The curators submit their report in reference to the proposal "to procure a building for their meetings and library, upon a scale more suitable to the increase and respectability of the society," to the effect that there was now reason to believe "that the faculty and town council will at length be able to co-operate in a plan of buildings immediately connected with the court; and further, that suitable accommodation for this society will, should it incline, be embraced in the plans." The curators express "their decided conviction of the propriety of co-operating with the other public bodies, so as not to be excluded from a plan so very advantageous."

30th MAY. At a general meeting the deputy keeper mentioned that he had received a printed copy of a bill brought into parliament "for vesting the stock of the court of session in trustees, for the erecting buildings for the better accommodation of the college of justice and a public gaol in the city of Edinburgh, and for the purposes therein mentioned." The bill also provided that the trustees might settle and agree with other public bodies who wished to erect public offices or halls or places of meeting.

The deputy keeper also mentioned correspondence which had taken place in reference to the stamp-duties, the raising of the tax on the admission of writers to the signet from £16 to £20, and increasing the tax on indentures of apprentices to £55.

27th JUNE. Mr. Cook, from the library committee, reported the completion of the new entry from the Exchange, and the work was approved.

28th NOVEMBER. A committee is named to wait on the right honourable Robert Blair with the congratulations of the society on his preferment to the lord presidency.

1809.

27th MARCH. It was resolved to accept of the offer made by Mr. Jardine, and to agree with the trustees for the erection of the new hall and library for £5000; and in order to raise the amount it was resolved to sell the premises now belonging to the society, and to borrow the remainder from the general fund; also, that the necessary annual sum be raised by a yearly payment of one guinea by each member.

1810.

25th MAY. William Craig, officer to the signet, is appointed officer also to the society.

A committee is appointed in reference to the inconvenience arising from the present custom of despatching the west post at a quarter-past six in the evening.

9th JULY. It was resolved to present a piece of plate, of the value of one hundred guineas, to Mr. Gibson and Mr. Donaldson respectively, along with the thanks of the society, "as a mark of the high sense they entertained of the exertions" of these gentlemen on behalf of the society in connection with the judicature bill, now passed; and as it was stated that Mr. Gibson, having gone to London on other business at the same time, declined to receive any pecuniary remuneration, it was resolved that two hundred guineas be paid to Mr. Donaldson for his expenses and trouble.

1811.

4th FEBRUARY. "Mr. Macvey Napier called the attention of the meeting to the situation of the class of conveyancing which he conceived to be degraded, and its utility impaired, by its exclusion from the society hall, in consequence of which Mr. Bell was obliged to deliver his lectures in a mason lodge; and moved that Mr. Bell be permitted to lecture in the hall, at such hour as the society should deem most convenient." The motion was appointed to be taken into consideration at next general meeting.

23d MAY. The meeting resolved that the society should attend the funeral of the lord president Blair, as a body, in their gowns, preceded by the officer, with his gown and baton, and all in deep mourning, on Wednesday the 29th instant, also, that a portrait of the lord president should be obtained at the society's expense, to be hung up in their hall; and that Alexander Maconochie, Esq., his son-in-law, who is known to possess a very valuable portrait of his lordship, be requested to allow a copy of it to be taken by Mr. Raeburn, for the society.

27th MAY. It is agreed to allow the use of the hall to the lecturer on conveyancing, during the pleasure of the society.

15th JUNE. It is resolved to approve of erecting "some lasting public monument of respect" to the memory of the late lord president, and a committee is named to confer with the committees of other public bodies composing the college of justice in reference to the matter.

2d JULY. It is resolved to subscribe 700 guineas towards the erection of a statue in marble, to the lord president, the amount to be raised by a tax upon signed letters.

23d NOVEMBER. The society resolve to congratulate the new lord president Hope, on his appointment.

1812.

13th JANUARY. At a general meeting, called in terms of requisition from several members of the society, resolutions were passed to the following effect: that the society view "with sentiments of horror the late dreadful outrages, committed by a daring banditti, on the public streets of this metropolis, on the evening of the 31st ult. and the morning of the 1st instant." That they cordially approve of the conduct of the magistracy "in their constant and painful exertions for discovering the perpetrators of atrocities so foul and so desperate, and in the history of this city unexampled." That they shall support the magistracy by every means in their power, in their laudable endeavours to bring the guilty persons to condign punishment: that, being fully convinced from experience of the radical defects of the present system of police, they appoint a committee to meet with the lord provost and magistrates of Edinburgh, the sheriff of the county, the judge of police, and any committees of other public bodies, to concur in reference to "a more efficient plan for the protection of the persons and property of the citizens."

23d MAY. On the report of the curators of the library (which was printed and circulated) the meeting resolved that a salary of £250 per annum be given to Mr. Napier while he continues to hold the office of librarian; and that in consideration of his trouble in arranging the periodical publications, parliamentary reports, and session papers, up to the present time, the treasurer be authorised to pay the said increased salary as from Martinmas 1810; it being understood that the society shall hereafter regulate and increase the hours of attending in the library as they shall see fit.

3d NOVEMBER. The committee on the hall and library report "that by the original agreement with the parliamentary trustees, the society were, for the sum of £5000 to be put in possession of certain apartments in the new buildings, for the purpose of a library and place of meeting; which sum was to cover part of the furnishing of the said apartments, conform to a plan and specification made out by Mr. Robert Reid, architect to the trustees: that upon subsequent investiga-

tion, it appeared to the committee that the plan in question was not in all respects suitable, either in point of appearance or accommodation:" that they therefore employed Mr. William Stark, architect, and adopted one of several plans furnished by him, to which they had obtained the sanction of the trustees, providing that the work should be done under the direction of Mr. Reid, and that the society should pay the difference of the expense: and that Mr. Reid had notified that the building was begun, and that he would use all diligence to carry it on to a conclusion. The report is approved.

A donation of £200 from the funds of the society is granted to the charity workhouse.

1813.

29th NOVEMBER. Mr. Napier gave in a report from Mr. Brown, clerk of works, in reference to the progress of the buildings, which were expected to be finished "during the spring."

The committee also reported that Mr. Henry was appointed to oversee the execution of the plans in room of Mr. Stark, deceased.

1814.

27th MAY. The society agree to present an address to the Prince Regent, congratulating him on "the present happy state of public affairs," and "on occasion of those magnificent and unparalleled events, which, by the blessing of God, have terminated the calamities of Europe, and have opened a prospect of permanent repose, security, and happiness, to the nations of the world."

1815.

27th NOVEMBER. A committee is appointed to make application to the lord president with a view to the institution of a chair of conveyancing in the university.

11th DECEMBER. On the report of the library committee, which *inter alia* states the estimated cost of the new hall and library at £10,754, 13s. 10d., it was unanimously agreed to grant Mr. Napier the sum of 500 guineas for his trouble "in superintending and advising during the whole progress of the work, the fitting up of the hall and library, and in removing and making a new arrangement of the books," with the thanks of the society for his great attention. By a majority it was agreed to increase Mr. Napier's salary to the extent of fifty pounds yearly, "on account of the increased attendance now to take place in the library;" other matters in the report are recommitted.

1816.

5th FEBRUARY. The deputy-keeper delivered the thanks of the society to Mr. Napier for his services, in terms of resolution before minuted, and Mr. Napier in return "expressed his sense of the honour done him by the thanks of the society,

and his earnest wish at all times to promote its interests in regard to the institution committed to his superintendence."

The sum of £1600 having been received as the price for the old apartments, it was agreed to apply it in part-payment of the price of the new buildings, the balance to be borrowed from the general fund, and the interest to be paid from the library fund.

It was resolved that from the 1st of March next, each apprentice entering into indenture shall pay £50 to the library fund.

6th MARCH. The apprentice fee is fixed at two hundred guineas.

24th JUNE. Mr. Napier, from the committee on buildings, reported as to discussion between the committee and the sheriff in reference to the county buildings, with the result that these buildings were to be allowed to go on without any interruption on the part of the society, on condition that no buildings should ever be erected on the area to the south of the library; that Forrester's Wynd should be closed, and that the area to the north of the library, between the county buildings and St. Giles' church should remain open in all time coming. The report was approved.

16th DECEMBER. In terms of the resolution of last meeting, the election of a professor of conveyancing was proceeded with by means of the ballot, when Mr. Macvey Napier obtained 147 votes, Mr. William Bell 131, and Mr. John Bell 31. Mr. Napier was then unanimously nominated and appointed to the office.

1817.

14th FEBRUARY. It was unanimously agreed to present an address to the Prince Regent "on occasion of the atrocious outrage offered to his person in returning from the opening of the present session in parliament." The address is engrossed.

1818.

25th MAY. A proposal by the sheriff to have the street in front of the new buildings levelled, at a cost of nearly £2000, is remitted to the committee on buildings.

30th NOVEMBER. In reference to a communication from the committee of the inhabitants of Edinburgh, for a contribution from the society to assist in reducing the prevalent epidemic of typhus fever, it was agreed to recommend the matter to the benevolence of the members.

The Seventh Volume.

1819.

29th NOVEMBER. Mr. Napier mentioned that Mr. William M'Farlane, W.S., had presented to the library a valuable collection of royal proclamations, from 1640 to the Revolution. The thanks of the society were returned to the donor.

1820.

7th FEBRUARY. The deputy keeper stated that he had received a letter from Lord Meadowbank, acting for the committee for erecting a statue of Lord Melville, mentioning that a balance of £200 remained of the subscriptions for that purpose, which it was proposed to lay out in procuring a design for ornamenting the south window of the outer house with painted or stained glass. The meeting gave their assent to the proposal.

28th FEBRUARY. The treasurer's report is approved.

An "address to his majesty on the death of his royal father, and on his accession to the throne," was submitted to the meeting, and unanimously approved.

15th JUNE. Mr. Home is appointed interim deputy-keeper in consequence of the death of Mr. Warrender.

It was agreed to attend the funeral of Mr. Warrender in a body, and in their gowns, "as a mark of respect to the memory" of their late deputy-keeper, the consent of the relations having been given.

1st JULY. Mr. Colin Mackenzie of Portmore presented his commission as deputy-keeper. Mr. John Home was appointed "sole substitute-keeper."

27th NOVEMBER. On the motion of the deputy-keeper, it is remitted to the committee on buildings to examine and report as to the better arrangements and fitting of the apartments belonging to the society, so as to afford more suitable accommodation for the committees of the society; and to take into consideration the state of their records and what means should be used for their better preservation.

11th DECEMBER. Report of the committee appointed in reference to the duties and emoluments of the officer, hall-keeper, and gown-keeper of the society, entered.

1821.

6th MARCH. It was agreed to oppose the bill for levying a tax of £30,000, or more, for the purpose of making certain alterations on the fabric of St. Giles' church, and of new paving the High Street, as inconsistent with the privileges of the society.

On the motion of the deputy-keeper, the "warmest thanks" of the society are voted to Mr. Chalmers, who, since the death of Mr. Cornelius Elliot, is the father of the society; and they express to him the veneration and respect with which they

regard him, and their earnest wish that he may long remain at the head of their list, reflecting honour upon the society, of which he is the father, by his acute intelligence, upright character, and high professional talents."

25th JUNE. The deputy-keeper explained what had been done by the committee for the accommodation of the society at the bars of the inner house, and also in the court of justiciary, and the arrangements now agreed upon for their convenience. The thanks of the society were voted to the deputy-keeper for the able manner in which he brought this business to so successful an issue.

Mr. Napier presented a minute of the curators of the library, of date the 13th inst., in reference to a proposal contained in a letter from Mr. Szyrma, a Polish gentleman now in Edinburgh, offering, in name of Count Constantine Zamoycki of Poland, to present to the library a collection of books relative to that country, upon certain conditions, providing chiefly for the preservation of the collection, with any subsequent additions of similar books, as a separate collection, with its own place in the library, a separate catalogue, and to be inscribed "*Bibliotheca Polonica et Lithuana*." The curators having signified to Mr. Szyrma their acceptance of the offer, and returned thanks therefor, the meeting approved of their action.

1822.

4th FEBRUARY. A committee is named "to inquire into the practicability and expediency of an alteration of the road from Edinburgh to London."

17th MAY. Proceedings are minuted over a considerable period in reference to the police bill, promoted by the magistrates of Edinburgh, against which the society petitioned in defence of their privilege of exemption from taxation, they having at the same time agreed to waive that privilege. The petition having been presented by Mr. Chalmers in the house of lords, was refused on the ground that the bill recognised the right of exemption belonging to the members of the college of justice.

22d JULY. The deputy-keeper stated "that he convened the society, in consequence of authentic information having been received, of the intention of his most gracious majesty, early in the ensuing month, to honour with his presence the metropolis of his ancient kingdom of Scotland; and moved that a committee should be appointed, for the purpose of considering of the most suitable means of testifying the sentiments of dutiful and affectionate loyalty towards his majesty's sacred person, entertained by the members of the society; and their cordial participation in the joy which will be universally diffused among his majesty's subjects in Scotland, on so happy an occasion." A committee is named accordingly.

26th JULY. On the report of the aforesaid committee, resolutions were adopted to the effect that a dutiful and loyal address be presented to his majesty by the society, signed by the right hon. William Dundas, keeper of the signet, and failing

him, by the deputy-keeper; and that it be presented by a deputation consisting of the keeper, deputy-keeper, and fifteen members of the society, to be chosen by lists now to be given in by the members present; that preparations be made under the direction of the curators of the library, for having the hall and library in proper condition for his majesty's reception, in case it shall be his majesty's pleasure to inspect them; that arrangements be made as to the attendance of the members of the society on occasion of his majesty's visit to the college of justice, and to intimate to the lord provost their willingness to grant the use of their hall for the accommodation of his majesty and the distinguished persons who may be invited to partake of the civic feast, at which it is understood to be the intention of the magistrates to solicit his majesty's presence.

5th SEPTEMBER. The meeting voted 300 guineas towards the erection of an equestrian statue of the king.

25th NOVEMBER. The offer of a picture of Baron Hume subscribed for by certain of the members, and painted by Sir Henry Raeburn, is accepted.

The committee anent the arrangements for the royal visit, reported the election of the deputation for presenting the address, but as the king would not receive deputations for such purpose except when he occupied the throne, the address was presented by the principal keeper at the levee on Saturday 17th August, and that the society's offer of the hall having been accepted, it was used as the general drawing-room at the entertainment given to his majesty on Saturday 24th August, "at which the keeper, deputy-keeper, and several members of the society had the honour to be present." Report was also given in as to the erection of benches in front of the libraries for the accommodation of the members of the college of justice in order to witness the "splendid scene" of the procession of the king from Holyrood palace to the castle. Accommodation was provided for 723.

18th DECEMBER. The committee anent the alteration of the road between Edinburgh and London report upon the alternative routes proposed, preferring that described in a report printed by order of the house of commons in July 1820, according to which the mail should run from Catterick bridge by Hexham, crossing the waterfall, and thence to Edinburgh by Jedburgh; which route they point out would effect a saving of 33 miles, and could be travelled, with time for five stops, in 42 hours, and that in this way letters would be delivered in the two capitals on the second day after despatch. Approved.

1823.

26th MAY. Mr. Napier stated that the printed session papers were now being arranged and bound. Approved.

24th NOVEMBER. The deputy-keeper announced presentation to the library, by Mr. Roger Aytoun, a member, of two tables, "made from a particular species of

marble found on his estate in Midlothian ;" by George Swinton, esquire, Persian secretary to the government in India, through his brother Mr. Archibald Swinton, W.S., of a collection of Persian books and grammars ; and by B. F. Watson, esquire, solicitor, London, through Mr. William Home, W.S., " of a curious edition of Lactantius printed at Venice in 1478." Thanks were voted to the respective donors.

1824.

5th JULY. It is resolved to provide annually a medal, value 10 guineas, as a prize to the best Latin scholar in the senior humanity class.

The report of the united committees on funds and the library is also approved, to the effect that measures be taken to recover the arrears of the annual contribution of one guinea for the hall and library, and that the annual fee should be commuted by the payment of £10 by intrants and apprentices respectively, while members of the society may be relieved from the yearly fee by a payment of five guineas.

22nd NOVEMBER. The society agree to contribute £250 from their funds towards the relief of the sufferers from "the dreadful and destructive fires which took place in the Parliament Square on the night of Tuesday the 16th current," on which occasion "their hall and library, along with the other buildings of the college of justice," were exposed to "great and imminent peril," and were saved by the "great and peculiar exertions employed."

It is also agreed to distribute ten guineas among the servants of the society, for their "correct and proper conduct" on the night and morning of the fire, being all "steadily at their posts."

1825.

10th JANUARY. The report of the committee upon the professorship of conveyancing is received and approved, the deputy-keeper congratulating the society on the success of the application to the magistrates and town council, as patrons of the university, for erecting the said professorship. Thanks are voted to Alexander Henderson, esquire, the lord provost, and to the magistrates and council ; Mr. Napier is congratulated on his appointment ; and the thanks of the Society are given to Colin Mackenzie of Portmore, esquire, "for the very important services rendered by him since his appointment as deputy-keeper," and for his exertions in reference to the professorship of conveyancing. It is also resolved to present him with a piece of plate of the value of 500 guineas. The reports and other documents relating to the chair are engrossed in the minutes.

7th FEBRUARY. A communication from the lord provost, in reference to proposed improvements of the city, having been laid before the meeting, a committee is named to confer with other committees thereanent.

6th APRIL. The report of the last-mentioned committee is received and

approved, in reference to the opening up of two new approaches to the city from the south and west; and mentioning that the proposal of the committee that the profits to be derived from feuing the grounds of the charity work-house should accrue to the general fund for the improvements, had been at once acceded to by the magistrates. The fourth clause of the report runs thus: "That as citizens of Edinburgh, and perhaps more particularly as members of the college of justice, they feel themselves bound to accede to the expenses of the improvements of St. Giles's being included under the present assessment; they must have a pride and interest in common with all the other inhabitants, in the embellishment of this ancient cathedral, while, as personal to themselves, they cannot but remember that much of its deformity has arisen from the erections of the new courts and libraries; and taking also into view the great value of the property of the society, and the importance of more commodious accesses to the courts, as well as to their library, the society cannot but approve of this measure, without entering into, but expressly reserving, any legal questions regarding the necessity of applying the seat-rents of the churches solely to ecclesiastical purposes." The report also approves "of a waiver of their privileges being given by the deputy-keeper" in the usual form in connection with the city improvement bill. An amendment having been proposed disapproving of the report, and against waiving their privilege, there voted for the motion 76, and for the amendment 65. A protest was then given in by the dissentient members.

30th MAY. Mr. Napier, from the curators, stated that his assistant, Mr. Shiells, was leaving his situation in the library, with a view to set up as bookseller and stationer, and in consideration of his good conduct during the seven years he had officiated in the library, suggested a gift of 50 guineas as a mark of their approbation of his services. Agreed.

28th NOVEMBER. The committee, anent the presentation of a piece of plate to the deputy-keeper, report that the amount proposed had been doubled, the sum of £1063, 3s. having been collected.

1826.

29th MAY. There are here engrossed in the minutes the "articles of agreement" between the faculty of advocates and the society of writers to the signet, anent the purchase by the latter of "the large apartment used by the faculty as a library, situated immediately over the hall, and other accommodations belonging to the society, together with the whole bookcases, presses, and other fixtures in the said apartment, and also the rooms, staircase, lobbies, etc., exclusive of the furniture in the said apartment; but reserving to the members of the faculty a right of passage to the parliament house by the door at the east end of the building in common with the members of the society, it being understood that the access from the lobby at the east end of the buildings to the laigh parliament house shall be shut up and abolished."

The entry of the society to the possession of the said apartment to be not later than Martinmas 1828. The purchase price is £12,000 sterling.

12th JUNE. The report of the curator of the library, with rules and regulations respecting the use of the library and its apartments, having been printed and circulated, is laid on the table and approved.

1829.

30th NOVEMBER. On the report of the curators of the library in reference to the appointment of two sub-librarians, it was resolved accordingly, and that the annual salary of Mr. Ferguson, present sub-librarian, be £125.

It is remitted to a committee to request Mr. Colin Mackenzie, late deputy-keeper, to sit for his portrait in bust for the society.

The Eighth Volume.

1830.

1st FEBRUARY. Mr. Thomas Millar Shiells is appointed second sub-librarian.

31st MAY. In reference to a proposal to bring a statue of the king from London to be erected on a suitable pedestal in Edinburgh, it was considered unwarrantable to vote the funds of the society for the purpose, the individual members being at liberty to subscribe.

28th JUNE. The meeting, on hearing of the death of the king, adjourned.

2d JULY. The deputy-keeper stated that he had been requested by the lord-provost to attend a meeting at the city chambers on the 29th ult., to arrange with the lord-president, lord-justice-clerk, and other official gentlemen, in regard to the proclamation of his majesty King William the Fourth: and that it was there resolved to adopt the same forms as at the proclamation of the late king.

A committee was appointed to prepare an address of congratulation to his present majesty on his accession.

13th DECEMBER. The meeting record "their deep regret for the loss they have sustained" by the decease of Mr. Colin Mackenzie, the late deputy-keeper; and of Mr. James Chalmers, father of the society.

The thanks of the society are given to Mr. Alexander Douglas, one of their members, for presenting to them a collection of old almanacks.

Mr. George Webster is appointed solicitor for the society in London, in room of the late Mr. Chalmers.

1831.

17th MARCH. On a motion by Mr. Robert Macfarlane, to present an address of gratitude to his majesty, for "the wise and healing measure of reform which has been

submitted to parliament," and an amendment by Sir Francis Walker Drummond, expressing disapproval of the said measure; the previous question was moved by Mr. William Scott, on the ground that it was "highly inexpedient" that the society should enter further into the discussion. This last motion was carried by a majority of 22.

27th MAY. Mrs. Martha Gibson of George Street, Edinburgh, having requested the society to accept of £200 in perpetuity on condition of paying £10 yearly to a minister of the Church of Scotland, for preaching a sermon on the sin of cruelty to the brute creation; the society, while admiring the charitable feelings which dictated the proposal, decline to accept of it.

4th JULY. Report of the committee on the city improvement bill given in, and entered in the minutes.

1832.

6th FEBRUARY. Presentation by the society of forty-four volumes published by government to the juridical society, for which that society returned thanks—"by acclamation."

25th JUNE.—It was agreed to present to his majesty an address of congratulation "on his escape from the late atrocious and treasonable attack" on his person.

1833.

27th MAY. The report of the curators of the library was made by the deputy-keeper, to the effect that they had now got possession of the upper library room, and that the whole furniture thereof had been purchased by them for £300. It was remitted to the curators, with the addition of Mr. Æneas Macbean, to consider the plan prepared by Mr. Burn of an access between the upper and lower library rooms.

24th JUNE. The curators report their approbation of the plans prepared by Mr. Burn for opening communication between the upper and lower rooms, "by means of suitable alterations on the lobby and staircase," the expense being estimated at £476, 6s. 8d.

1834.

24th FEBRUARY. The committee last mentioned report the negotiations with Sir Robert Peel in reference to their petition, and that Sir Robert had ascertained from the lord advocate that he would not go on with the bill this session.

24th MARCH. It was agreed to authorise the committee on building to purchase from the improvement commissioners the piece of ground between the end of the society's hall and the bridge, at a price not exceeding £1000.

17th NOVEMBER. The deputy-keeper stated that Mr. Robert Menzies had presented to the society a picture of Mr. Dalrymple, Lord Drummore, by Medina, which was now hung up in the landing-place of the upper library room. Also, that the librarian had obtained from the society a picture of Mr. Grant, Lord Elchies, to be hung up in the same place. Thanks were given to the donors.

1835.

2d FEBRUARY. The curators of the library report that the books were now placed in the upper library room, which was now open to members.

1836.

1st FEBRUARY. Mr. John Parker, S.S.C., presents to the society the portrait of Sir James Steuart of Goodtrees, baronet, lord advocate in the reign of William and Mary. Thanks returned therefor.

28th MARCH. Resolved to petition both houses of parliament against the bill "for taking away the privilege of the college of justice relative to the assessment for the poor."

1837.

29th MAY. The deputy-keeper laid before the meeting a letter from Mr. Napier, of date 12th April, which had been printed and circulated, in which he tendered his resignation as librarian, in consequence of his having been appointed principal clerk of session; but offering to continue his services gratuitously "in as far as occasional superintendence, advice as to purchasing books, and attendance on the meetings of curators, were concerned." The minute of the curators thereanent, also given in, contains the suggestion that Mr. Napier be appointed a permanent curator. The society unanimously voted their "warmest thanks" to Mr. Napier, "for his long, zealous, and efficient services as principal librarian," and the deputy-keeper was requested to convey the same to Mr. Napier, with the request that he would accept the situation of curator for life. The recommendations of the curators were agreed to, and the election of principal librarian fixed for 21st June.

21st JUNE. Sir James Gibson-Craig proposed Mr. David Laing for the office of librarian; Mr. Robert Ainslie proposed Mr. Maxwell; Mr. James Hope, junior, proposed Mr. Cochrane. There voted for Mr. Laing, 213; for Mr. Cochrane, 122; for Mr. Maxwell, 3. Mr. Laing was declared duly elected.

24th JUNE. The society having met in the outer house at 10.30, in their gowns, and having been marshalled according to seniority, they walked in procession, preceded by the deputy-keeper and office-bearers, to the royal exchange, to hear the proclamation of Queen Victoria. They afterwards accompanied the procession to the castle-hill, where her majesty was again proclaimed. On returning to the hall "the

warmest thanks" of the society were given by acclamation to Mr. Hope, deputy-keeper, for the admirable manner in which he had conducted the business of the day.

26th JUNE. The oath of allegiance to her majesty Queen Victoria was laid upon the table, and signed by the members.

An address of congratulation to her majesty was then read and approved.

20th NOVEMBER. Donations from the dean of faculty to the library, and also from the Bannatyne Club, Mr. William Forbes Skene, and Mr. W. A. Lawrie, are acknowledged. Mr. Laing, librarian, presented a portrait of Lord Milton.

4th DECEMBER. On the motion of Sir James Gibson Craig, carried by acclamation, it was resolved to request the lord justice-general (Hope) to sit for his portrait, to be hung in the library hall.

1838.

26th MAY. It was agreed to petition parliament in favour of Mr. Rowland Hill's plan of postal reform.

The Ninth Volume.

1840.

6th FEBRUARY. In view of the notice in parliament that the vacancy on the bench occasioned by the resignation of Lord Glenlee, was not to be filled up, the society adopted a series of resolutions setting forth the business of the court of session, and the necessity of maintaining the full number of judges—to be transmitted to the Lord Chancellor and the other members of the cabinet.

19th FEBRUARY. The deputy-keeper submitted an address to the Queen on occasion of her marriage with H.R.H. Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha. Approved.

17th JUNE. It was agreed to present a loyal address congratulating her Majesty "upon the escape which she and Prince Albert had recently made from an attempt on the life of both."

26th JUNE. The minutes here are much occupied with reports anent the proceedings in opposition to the Edinburgh poor and local taxes bill, involving the question of the privileges of the society.

27th NOVEMBER. Address to the Queen on the birth of a princess.

1841.

15th NOVEMBER. Address to the Queen on the birth of a prince.

Address to the lord president Hope on his retirement: also to the new lord president Boyle on his accession.

It was agreed to give ten guineas towards the relief of the poor, "in place of the expense of an illumination" on the birth of the prince.

1842.

8th JUNE. Address to the Queen on her preservation from an "atrocious attempt" against her person.

29th AUGUST. Address to the Queen and Consort respectively, on their expected visit to Scotland.

1846.

2d FEBRUARY. Committee appointed in regard to "a very important bill," introduced into parliament, for the improvement and maintenance of the streets of Edinburgh.

16th NOVEMBER. Minute on the death of Mr. James Jollie, who had been a member of the society for 63 years.

1847.

8th MARCH. Minute upon the death of Professor Napier, formerly librarian to the society.

16th JUNE. Report of committee in reference to the admission of strangers to the library, adopted, regulating the attendance of clerks, their occupation of tables, and use of law books; and providing that strangers shall be admitted only on special application to and permission from the librarian.

1849.

5th FEBRUARY. It is agreed to authorise the curators of the library to advance £150 yearly for the preparation of a complete catalogue of the books.

28th MAY. It is agreed to request the lord justice-general to sit for his portrait to be hung up in the hall.

1850.

14th FEBRUARY. Correspondence relative to the proposed great exhibition 1851, submitted to the meeting.

9th MARCH. Minute in reference to the death of Sir James Gibson Craig, "the oldest member of the society."

19th MARCH. The meeting authorised the purchase by the librarian, of the portrait of James Anderson, author of the *Diplomata et Numismata Scotie*, for £10.

The office-bearers of the society named as a committee in reference to the great exhibition.

A letter from the joint secretaries in Edinburgh, of the British Association, in reference to making preparations for the meeting of that body in this city was submitted, and the office-bearers appointed to attend to the matter.

25th MARCH. Minute on the death of Mr. Mackenzie, deputy-keeper.

1851.

17th NOVEMBER. It was agreed to waive the society's right of servitude over the vacant space in front of the library, for the erection of a statue to the late Lord Melville.

1852.

24th MAY. It was agreed to present an address to lord president Boyle.

The Tenth Volume.

1855.

20th JUNE. A letter from a large number of members of the society complaining of the want of "a properly classified and arranged repertory or inventory of the records deposited in the register office, in a form accessible to all parties making extensive searches in questions involving an examination of the older records," and suggesting that such an inventory, when completed, should be printed for public use,—was read by the deputy-keeper, and remitted to a committee.

19th NOVEMBER. The curators of the library report the completion of the MS. alphabetical catalogue, in 15 large volumes. They also report an addition to the heating apparatus, which had been found insufficient for the space it had to warm.

1856.

27th FEBRUARY. The deputy-keeper having intimated the death of Professor Menzies, the meeting agree to record their deep sense of the loss sustained by the melancholy event.

28th FEBRUARY. Mr. Alexander Montgomerie Bell, W.S., is elected to the chair of conveyancing.

18th JUNE. It is agreed to congratulate Lord Dalhousie, keeper of the signet, on his return from India, and on his "able administration" of the government of the British dominions there.

1857.

23d FEBRUARY. A letter from Mr. George Webster, resigning the situation of solicitor to the society in London, was read.

25th MAY. It was agreed to give the thanks of the society to Mr. Ivory, for his great labour in preparing the law catalogue, and to make him an honorary curator of the library for life. Mr. John Greig is chosen solicitor to the society in London.

16th NOVEMBER. A committee is named "to investigate the financial affairs of the society."

1858.

8th MARCH. On the report of the finance committee, a letter from Mr. Andrew Murray, one of the curators, was read, strongly objecting to the proposal to reduce the sum allowed for the purchase of books to £150, as tending "to arrest the library where it is." The letter suggested a yearly contribution of one pound "to supplement the purchase of the more important works" published.

It was agreed, after considerable discussion, to approve the report, except as to the proposed reduction of the salaries of the assistant librarians.

The report states the net assets of the society, at 31st December 1857, at £64,821, 13s. 3d., the average income for the last three years from all sources, £1673, 9s. 7d., of the last two years, £1474, 2s. 2d. The present expenditure is stated at £1939, 8s. 8d., and as proposed to be reduced, at £1504, 8s. 4d.; particulars are mentioned showing how the reduction is proposed to be effected.

The report further suggests, 1. That the salaries of office-bearers shall not be increased during the next seven years. 2. That the purchase of books shall remain restricted as above, while the income of the society shall be under £1800: and that on exceeding that amount, the yearly expenditure for books shall not exceed £250, without an express vote of the society. 3. That the scheme of having a catalogue classed according to subjects, shall in the meantime be suspended.

16th JUNE. It is agreed to record the society's sense of the high qualities of the late lord justice-clerk Hope, whose sudden death is intimated.

1859.

7th FEBRUARY. The committee on funds report that the income of the last year was upwards of £1900. The sum of £250 is authorised for the purchase of books.

15th JUNE. "The deputy-keeper stated that he had intended, at the request of the lord provost, to bring before the last stated meeting the propriety of forming a company from the society to join the rifle corps now forming in the city, but as a quorum did not attend, he could not bring the matter formally before the society. Some gentlemen, however, undertook to act as a committee, and endeavour to ascertain the feelings of the members of the society on the subject, and they had prepared a report which had been printed and circulated." A committee was then named to carry out the objects mentioned in the report.

21st NOVEMBER. The deputy-keeper read a letter from Messrs. Jardine, Stodart, and Fraser, announcing a legacy of £200 from the late Mr. Andrew Greig, cloth and carpet merchant, Edinburgh, to the society, subject to the liferent of his widow. The clerk was requested to return thanks on behalf of the society.

1860.

29th FEBRUARY. The report of a committee on the annuity-tax bill being discussed, it was moved by Mr. Dalziel that the society disapprove of the bill, and petition both houses against it. An amendment by Mr. J. C. Brodie, and seconded by Mr. T. G. Murray, that the society resolves not to oppose its privileges to the measure now before parliament, or to any measure which parliament may think fit to pass for the settlement of the question of the annuity-tax, was carried by 44 to 32.

The Eleventh Volume.

1860.

19th NOVEMBER. The curators of the library report that it is "falling very much into arrear in all departments of literature, with the exception perhaps of that of law." They report the repairing of the cupola on the upper library, which they hope will obviate the necessity of renewal for some years.

1861.

18th NOVEMBER. The report on the library congratulates the members on the painting of the staircase and entrance hall during the autumn, at a cost of £72, 2s. 10d.

19th DECEMBER. It was agreed to prepare an address of condolence with the Queen on the occasion of the death of the prince consort.

1862.

3d FEBRUARY. The address above referred to is here engrossed, with the acknowledgment of the home secretary of its receipt. The address thus refers to the Prince:—"In common with all classes of the nation, we lament the loss of a Prince who was endeared by graces and virtues in domestic life above many, and distinguished as a public character by great zeal for the welfare of this country, an enlightened desire to promote the social and useful interests of the community, and great taste and judgment in the promotion of art and science."

26th MAY. The keeper intimated the death of Mr. Storie, treasurer of the society, and a minute was adopted expressing their sense of his valuable services during a period of thirty-six years.

18th JUNE. Mr. John Gibson, junior, was unanimously elected treasurer.

17th NOVEMBER. The curators of the library report that though they understand that the whole debts of the society have now been paid, it might yet be proper to continue the restriction upon the purchase of books in general literature, and to form a reserved fund to meet the annual expense of the society in reference to the library.

1863.

25th MAY. It was resolved to present an address to the Queen and to the Prince and Princess of Wales on occasion of the marriage of the latter.

17th JUNE. On the recommendation of the curators it was agreed to allow certain pictures belonging to the society to be hung up in the outer parliament house, "on condition of their being specially identified as the property of the society."

It was agreed to allow the use of the library and the upper room to the National Association for Promotion of Social Science.

16th NOVEMBER. On the election of Professor Sellar to the chair of humanity in room of Professor Pillans, resigned, it was agreed to engross in the minutes a memorandum of the history of the chair, which is accordingly done—beginning with the contract between the lords senators of the college of justice, the magistrates of Edinburgh, and the faculty of advocates and writers to the signet, of date 25th December 1597.

1864.

1st FEBRUARY. It is agreed to present addresses to the Queen and the Prince of Wales on the birth of a son to the prince.

The deputy-keeper stated that he had received from the dean and faculty of advocates a letter of thanks to the society for allowing the pictures to be hung in the parliament house, viz., the portraits of lord president Hope, lord president Blair, A. Fletcher of Saltoun, and Lord Elchies.

1866.

5th FEBRUARY. It was agreed to record the regret of the society on account of the death of Mr. Alexander Montgomerie Bell, professor of conveyancing.

28th MAY. The deputy-keeper intimated the unanimous election of Mr. James S. Tytler to the chair of conveyancing.

19th NOVEMBER. The annual report of the curators of the library refers to the printing of the catalogue as now begun, the necessity of purchasing standard works and certain improvements on the upper library.

1867.

19th FEBRUARY. It was unanimously agreed to present an address to the lord justice-general McNeill, on his elevation to the peerage.

27th MAY. The sum of £400 is granted for the purchase of such books as are required for completing the catalogue, as well as others, during this year.

18th NOVEMBER. The curators report few purchases of books beyond the usual necessary law books, magazines, etc. A suggestion to appropriate £50, or such other part of the sum voted for the library, towards the establishment of a circulating library elicited "a decided opinion" to the contrary.

1868.

18th MAY. It was agreed to address the Queen on the occasion of the late attempt on the life of H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh.

1869.

21st MAY. The curators report that orders were given to have the lower library painted at a cost of £200. Estimates were obtained for re-covering and polishing the furniture of the upper room to the amount of £120; and the obtaining of a carpet is proposed at the cost of £180. The expense of cleaning and varnishing the oak floor is stated at £70.

The curators suggest that the society should consider what regulations should be adopted as regards the admission of the public, in view of the premises being thus put in order.

16th JUNE. The curators report the regulations adopted for the admission of apprentices, law clerks, and strangers to the library. Strangers visiting the library for literary and scientific purposes are to be allowed to do so at the discretion of the librarian and his substitutes, subject to such rules as the curators may deem requisite.

15th NOVEMBER. The curators report the completion of the painting and other improvements of the library.

It was agreed to transmit to the curators of the library and committee on funds to consider and report as to the expediency of completing the front of the library according to the architect's design, by erecting four emblematical statues of stone over the columns.

1870.

7th FEBRUARY. Mr. J. C. Brodie was unanimously elected treasurer in room of Mr. Gibson, resigned.

The Twelfth Volume.

21st NOVEMBER 1870. The curators of the library report the completion of the repairs and improvements; the numbering and lettering of the shelves; the progress of the catalogue; the addition of a junior assistant; and the purchase of a large number of modern works.

1871.

6th FEBRUARY. The deputy-keeper read a letter from Mr. T. Usher in reference to the celebration of the centenary of the birth of Sir Walter Scott in the month of August next, and was authorised to intimate that the society would be ready to co-operate with other public bodies in furthering the object, and would be glad to give the use of their room, if required.

A letter was also read announcing the meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science in Edinburgh in August next—in regard to which a similar intimation was authorised.

10th NOVEMBER. The curators of the library report the completion of the first part of the catalogue, and the addition of a large number of books in general literature.

1872.

5th FEBRUARY. It was agreed to present addresses of congratulation to the Queen and the Princess of Wales, on the recovery of the Prince of Wales from his recent illness.

Mr. T. G. Murray moved, "That the deputy-keeper be requested to bring under the notice of the lord clerk register the memorial of the society for the preparation

of a handbook of the records, originally presented in 1856, in the preparation of which, as they understand, no progress has yet been made; and to request his lordship to receive a deputation of the society, at such time as may be convenient, in reference to this matter." The motion having been approved, the deputy-keeper, treasurer, and Mr. Murray were appointed as the deputation.

19th JUNE. It was agreed to contribute from the funds the sum of £52, 10s. towards the restoration of "Saint Giles' Cathedral."

The curators of the library report the resignation of Mr. John Cunningham, assistant librarian, after forty-two years' service, and his request to retire on his full salary. This was unanimously agreed to. In connection with this matter, Dr. Laing informed the curators that there was no necessity to appoint a successor to Mr. Cunningham, as the younger assistant, Mr. Andrew Main, had shown himself fully competent to discharge the duties which specially devolved upon Mr. Cunningham.

1876.

20th NOVEMBER. The curators of the library report donations of valuable books by the Marquis of Lothian, Lord Herries, the Duke and Duchess of Sutherland, and Sir James Ramsay of Bamff.

The Thirteenth Volume.

1877.

19th NOVEMBER. The curators report the gift by the lord clerk register of the new volumes of the second edition of the acts of the parliaments of Scotland, with the general index, and also the government publications; and from Dr. Charles Bell the donation of his father's manuscript of the lectures on conveyancing—2 vols., folio.

1878.

18th NOVEMBER. The interim-keeper referred to the death of Sir William Gibson Craig, keeper of the signet, in suitable terms, and a resolution was adopted recording "their high sense of the manner in which he performed the duties of the office which placed him at the head of the society," and "the society will long bear in grateful remembrance that wherever his influence could be exerted, or his active assistance be of use to promote its welfare or further its objects, they were always accorded with the utmost readiness and cordiality, and with the zest and energy for which he was conspicuous."

The curators' report being given in, Mr. T. G. Murray stated that since the date of their last meeting the society had lost the services of their librarian, Mr. David Laing. He moved "That the society desire to record in their minutes their sense of the great loss they have experienced by the death of Mr. Laing, who had for forty-one years filled the office of librarian, and during the whole of that lengthened

period had devoted himself to the duties of his office, and, under difficulties arising from the limited means at disposal for the use of the library, had greatly improved the position of the library and increased its usefulness. With an intimate knowledge of books and literary matters, and with special information in all Scottish historical and archæological questions, Mr. Laing was ever ready to make that information available to all with whom he came in contact, or who desired his assistance; and the loss of one to whom reference could ever be made on such questions will be long felt both by the members of the society and by the public in general." The motion having been seconded by Mr. Brodie, was unanimously agreed to.

1879.

24th MARCH. At a special general meeting, the report of the special committee appointed in reference to the appointment of a librarian was given in, to the effect that out of thirty-nine applications, the committee, "after very full and anxious consideration of the applications, testimonials, and qualifications of the candidates, unanimously recommended Mr. Thomas Graves Law for the appointment, as in their opinion the most eligible candidate in the field." Mr. J. T. Gibson Craig moved "that the report be approved of, and Mr. Law elected librarian to the society, which was unanimously agreed to.

1880.

28th APRIL. At a special meeting it was agreed to give 100 guineas towards the completion of the restoration of St. Giles' Cathedral.

1881.

21st NOVEMBER. The report of the curators, with appendix containing the revised laws and bye-laws for the management of the library, was submitted and approved.

1882.

23d MARCH. The appointment of John Clerk Brodie to be deputy-keeper of the signet is minuted.

Mr. Brodie moved that the meeting should enter on the minutes an expression of "their feelings of respect and esteem" for the memory of their late deputy-keeper of the signet, Mr. James Hope, "as a man of the highest character and integrity, most estimable in all the relations of life, and always distinguished for the deep interest he constantly took in everything that concerned the welfare of the society, the attention he paid to all departments of its business, and the kindness and uniform courtesy he employed to its members."

The congratulations of the society were accorded to Mr. Brodie on his appointment as deputy-keeper.

3d APRIL. Mr. John T. Mowbray was unanimously elected treasurer in room of Mr. Brodie.

20th NOVEMBER. The curators of the library congratulate the society on the completion and publication of the catalogue, and give their testimony to the zeal and vigour with which the librarian had taken up and brought to conclusion this important and laborious work, and the very efficient assistance he has received from the staff under him.

1883.

5th FEBRUARY. The treasurer reported that on 28th November last a fire broke out in one of the fireplaces in the lower hall of the library, and spread to the librarian's room, but that it was soon extinguished, and no damage done to the books. The fireplaces were thereafter examined by Mr. Watherston, and, on his recommendation, were rebuilt.

Attention was then drawn to the existing arrangements for the protection of the library, and they were approved as sufficient.

28th MAY. It was agreed to subscribe £250 towards the new university buildings.

1884.

18th JUNE. An address to the Queen on the occasion of the death of the Duke of Albany is entered on the minutes.

1887.

7th FEBRUARY. Mr. Patrick W. Campbell moved "That a committee be appointed to examine the records of the society with a view to preparing a short historical account of the same, and meantime be authorised to prepare a list of all past and present members of the society, with information as to the date of their joining the society, the length of their connection with it, and any other particulars calculated to be of interest to the society." The motion, which was seconded by Mr. J. P. Wood, was unanimously carried, and, on the motion of Mr. Campbell, the following members of the society were appointed a committee to carry out the objects of the motion, viz., the office-bearers, and Messrs. William Forbes Skene, James Gordon, John Cowan, John Milligan, W. Traquair Dickson, J. P. Wood, Patrick W. Campbell, Charles Cook, J. W. Fraser-Tytler, and Francis James Grant; Mr. Campbell to be convener.

28th FEBRUARY. The deputy-keeper submitted a letter from Sir Frederick A. Abel, C.B., in reference to the "Imperial Institute of the United Kingdom, the Colonies, and India," as the national memorial of the completion of fifty years of the Queen's reign. It was agreed that an appeal should be made, in reference to the said institute, to all the members of the society, and that the treasurer should collect their subscriptions therefor.

22d APRIL. On the motion of the deputy-keeper it was agreed to subscribe £250 to the Edinburgh fund for the Imperial Institute.

30th MAY. The deputy-keeper laid on the table an address to the Queen, congratulating her majesty on the auspicious occasion of the jubilee of her reign, which was unanimously approved of, and signed by the deputy-keeper.

15th JUNE. A report of the librarian as to the probable cost of printing the history was read, and on the motion of Mr. P. W. Campbell it was agreed "That the committee in charge of the history of the society be authorised to have the list of members, and the synopsis of the society's records at present in course of preparation, printed at the expense of the society."

The deputy-keeper stated that the committee appointed in reference to the celebration of her majesty's jubilee had concluded that the best mode of specially celebrating that event was to place a stained glass window in the upper hall. The meeting approved the suggestion, and remitted to the committee with powers.

The Fourteenth Volume.

21st NOVEMBER. The curators of the library report that in order to reduce the risk of fire to a minimum, the position of the furnaces has been altered, and other improvements effected.

14th DECEMBER. The clerk read a letter received by him from the Earl of Glasgow, principal keeper of the signet, announcing the resignation of the deputy-keepership by Mr. J. C. Brodie, and stating that his lordship had requested Mr. C. B. Logan, W.S., to accept the office, which, to his lordship's great satisfaction, he had agreed to do.

20th DECEMBER. Mr. Charles B. Logan presented his commission as deputy-keeper to the signet, and was congratulated by the society.

A resolution adopted by the commissioners in reference to the late deputy-keeper, Mr. J. C. Brodie, was then read and adopted, expressive of their regret that the state of his health was such as to necessitate his resignation of an office which he had so ably filled, and the duties of which he had so assiduously and successfully discharged, and their high appreciation of the services which he had rendered to the society. The resolution also refers in eulogistic terms to the great services which Mr. Brodie had rendered in connection with the various acts for the improvement of the law of land rights, and with the amalgamation of the register of sasines, and the improved method of searching the records.

POSTSCRIPT.

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21st NOVEMBER 1831. * * * The deputy keeper informed the society that he had received from the commissioners of records a copy of the whole of their valuable publications: That he had since learned from Mr. Napier that he had some time ago purchased on account of the society several of the publications alluded to, and that consequently the society would now possess duplicates of a part of those works. In this situation it had occurred to the curators of the library that the present afforded an excellent opportunity to this society to make a return to the juridical society for the gift of their valuable work, and it was therefore suggested that those parts of the records of which this society had now duplicates should be presented to the juridical society. After some discussion the proposition was agreed to, and the deputy keeper was instructed to present the volumes to the juridical society accordingly.

THE deputy keeper stated that he had attended a meeting of the juridical society, and presented to them, in the name of the society of writers to the signet, the books referred to in the minutes of last meeting, and he now begged to lay before the society the following excerpt from the minutes of the juridical society, dated 14th December 1831.

(Then follows excerpt from minutes of the juridical society, narrating the presentation of books by Mr. Mackenzie, and the moving and seconding of a vote of thanks to the W.S. society, "which was carried by acclamation.")

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27th FEBRUARY 1856. The deputy keeper then stated that he had called this meeting for the purpose of the society nominating two delegates to meet with two delegates from the town council and himself, and elect a professor to fill the chair of conveyancing, which had been so ably filled by their lamented friend, in terms of the regulations adopted by the town council of Edinburgh when the chair was established.

Mr. Cook then moved that Mr. John Russell and Mr. John Dundas be elected delegates from the society, which motion was seconded by Mr. Thomas G. Murray, and unanimously carried.

28th FEBRUARY. The deputy keeper reported the following minute of the delegates:—

Edinburgh, 28th February 1856. At a meeting of delegates chosen from the town council and society of writers to the signet, together

with the deputy keeper of the signet, for the election of a professor of conveyancing in the room of Allan Menzies, Esq., deceased, called for the purpose by the lord provost, senior delegate from the town council :

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The lord provost moved that Alexander Montgomerie Bell, esquire, writer to the signet, should be elected to fill the vacant chair, and the said motion having been seconded by the deputy keeper of the signet, was unanimously adopted by the meeting.

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Mr. Bell accepts the appointment, and a commission is directed to be issued in his favour.

APPENDIX

REGULATIONS RESPECTING APPRENTICES AND INTRANTS TO THE SOCIETY OF WRITERS TO HER MAJESTY'S SIGNET.

APPRENTICES.

I. The period of indenture shall be five years, and the age for entering into indenture not under seventeen: provided always that where an applicant for indenture is not under the age of nineteen, and holds a degree in law or in arts of a university of Great Britain or Ireland, granted after examination, the period of indenture may be three years.

II. Applicants for indenture who do not hold such a degree, granted as aforesaid, shall, before entering into indenture, produce evidence of having attended, in three separate sessions, three separate classes in arts in any Scottish university (one of said classes being humanity), and of having taken part in the examinations in such classes.

III. Applicants for indenture who do not hold such a degree, and who cannot comply with the regulations under No. II., shall, before entering into indenture, produce evidence of having passed the higher examination in general knowledge prescribed by the act of sederunt 20th December 1873, following upon the Law Agents (Scotland) Act, 1873, viz. :—

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE.

History of England and Scotland.

Geography.

Arithmetic.

Book-keeping.

Latin. The first and second books of the *Æneid*.

Logic (Jevons's *Elementary Lessons*).

Or in place thereof, in the option of the applicant,

Mathematics. First three books of Euclid.

IV. The form of application for leave to enter into and to assign indentures is by petition to the keeper and commissioners of the signet.

(a.) *Indentures*.—Upon the prayer of the petition being granted, *but not till then*, the indenture may be signed, and must then be recorded in the register of probative writs for the county, and intimated to the registrar of law agents, in terms of section v., sub-section 2, of the Law Agents (Scotland) Act, 1873. Thereafter, the extract registered indenture, with the registrar's certificate thereon, must be presented at the signet office for registration, and that within three months from the date of the indenture, *otherwise a penalty will be incurred*.

(b.) *Assignations of Indentures*.—These may be signed upon the prayer of the petition being granted. They must then be intimated to the registrar of law agents, and thereafter registered at the signet office within three months of their dates.

V. The fees payable on entering into indenture are as follows :—

To the society fund,	£131	1	0
To the widows' fund,	50	0	1
Apprentice fee,	100	0	0
Stamp for indenture,	60	0	1
Fees at signet office for petition, etc.,	2	15	0
" " for recording indenture,	0	18	0
	£344	14	2
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Stamp for assignation of indenture,	£0	10	0
Incidental petitions, each,	0	18	0

In addition to the above there are—

- (1) Recording fees in register of probative writs.
- (2) Registrar's fee.

INTRANTS.

VI. Upon the expiry of the term of apprenticeship the indenture must be discharged, and the discharge and oath of service recorded at the signet office, within three months after the date of the discharge, *otherwise a penalty will be incurred*. Thereafter a petition may be presented praying the keeper and commissioners of the signet to examine the applicant in the law, civil and criminal, of Scotland.

VII. Along with such petition, the candidate shall produce certificates of his having attended, in at least two separate winter sessions, four courses of law classes in a Scottish university, and of his having taken part in the examinations in each of said classes—viz., one of civil law, one of Scots law, one of conveyancing, and a second course of any one of these. Where the applicant holds a degree of LL.B. of the university of Edinburgh, it shall not be necessary for him to attend a second course of any of the classes.

VIII. The examinations are directed both to the theory and to the practice of the law ; are partly written and partly oral ; and embrace the following subjects :—

Heritable Rights.
Moveable Rights.
Conveyancing.
Contracts.
Summonses, Actions, and Forms of Process.
Diligence.
Criminal Law and Procedure.

Erskine's Principles.
Bell's Principles.
Erskine's Institutes.
Ross's Lectures on Conveyancing.
Bell's Lectures on Conveyancing.
Juridical Styles.
Alison's Principles.
Hume's Criminal Law.

IX. The fees payable by intrants are :—

For recording discharge of indenture,	£0 18 0
To the society fund,	60 0 0
For petition to be taken on trials,	0 18 0
Stamp for commission,	25 0 1
Signet fees on commission,	51 8 0
Hall-keeper's fee,	0 17 0
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	£139 1 1

The present examiners are :—

Mr. DAVID SCOT DICKSON, Heritable Rights.
Mr. HENRY TOD, Conveyancing.
Mr. SOMMERVILLE GREIG, Processes, Diligence, and Criminal Law.
Mr. WILLIAM STUART FRASER, Moveable Rights and Contracts.

Written examinations are held in January, March, July, and October, in each year, in the COMMITTEE ROOM, SIGNET LIBRARY. The *oral* examinations are held in the same place, in the week following that in which the *written* examination occurs.

All petitions for examination must be lodged at the signet office before the end of December, February, June, and September, and no application is to be made direct to the examiners.

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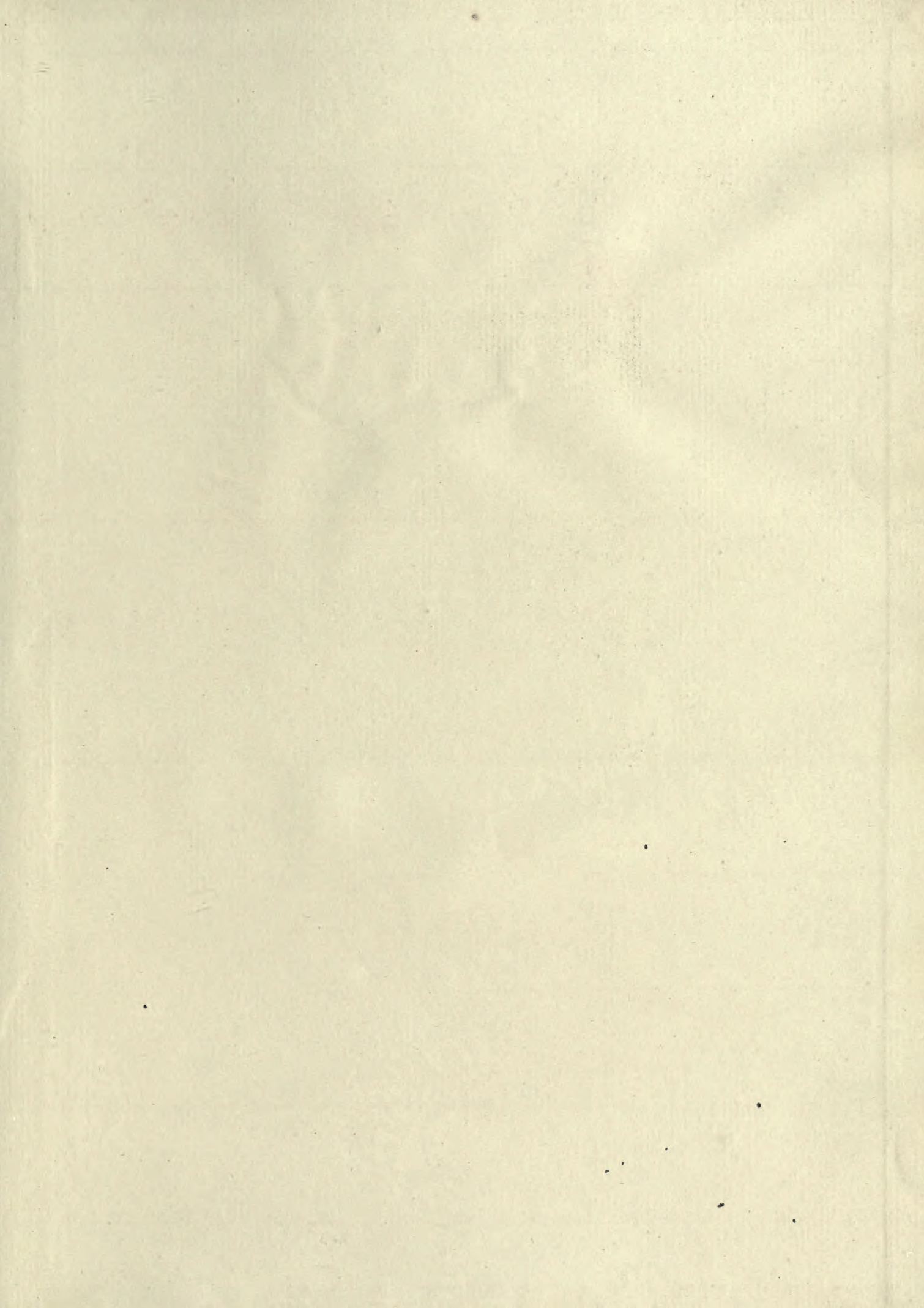
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